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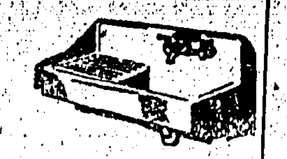
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ANGLO-RUSSIAN PEACE PLAN

LITVINOFF WARNS OF WAR THREAT

KING GEORGE TOASTED BY SOVIET LEADER

Moscow, March 28.

A toast to His Majesty King George was proposed by M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian Commissar for Foreign Affairs, at the end of an important speech on Soviet foreign policy at a reception given for the British Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Anthony Eden, to-night.

This was the first occasion on which a royal toast has been proposed by a Soviet Minister in Russia.

M. Litvinoff declared that the friendliest Anglo-Russian relations were essential for the preservation of peace.

Referring to the arising of "the serious and alarming impediments to the preservation of normal and peaceful international order," he said the consoling feature of the situation was the overwhelming majority of States which at present were profoundly anxious for the preservation of peace.

There might be a few exceptions, M. Litvinoff admitted, but the danger spots were at least limited and clearly defined. This, however, did not imply that the dangers were localised. Nobody could foretell, he said, which state would be the the first or the most greatly affected by this danger.

RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL

If one state were threatened, M. Litvinoff argued, and there was real danger of war, all other states ought to consider themselves threatened. For it was now universally realised that the danger of war hung over Europe. It could only be averted, he declared, or its risk reduced to the utmost extent possible, by the collective efforts of all the states, and especially the great Powers.

M. Litvinoff believed, he said, that Anglo-Russian co-operation was decisively important in the cause of peace, and Mr. Eden's visit was not merely the beginning of such co-operation, but a pledge of its continuance.

TREMENDOUS TEST

The coming months, and perhaps the next few weeks, would show whether the statesmen of Europe were capable of organising for peace, and whether the plans for the collective work outlined at the London conversations on February 3 would be carried to their wise and logical consequence.

In any event, M. Litvinoff asserted, he was convinced that the frank interchange of opinion between Mr. Eden and M. Litvinoff's colleagues would be a fruitful contribution to this work.

PURELY EXPLORATORY

Replying, Mr. Eden emphasised that his visit was purely exploratory. But it marked a notable, and, he hoped, a hopeful landmark, in Anglo-Russian relations.

The British Government's foreign policy, said Mr. Eden, was based upon the League of Nations, and Britain recognised that it was a great gain when Russia took her place at Geneva's council table.

Peace was also a prime object of the United Kingdom and he was confident it must also be the foreign policy of the Soviet and all other great nations, as long as their main purpose was the advancing the prosperity of their people.

Referring to the coming meeting of the representatives of the nations at Stresa, Italy, Mr. Eden said it would be their task on that occasion, as it was his and M. Litvinoff's to-day, to seek to find a way out of the difficulties which beset Europe: a way which would be just and honourable to all nations and yet consistent with those principles of collective security in which they all believed.—*Reuter.*

TO MEET M. STALIN

London, Mar. 28.

The Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Anthony Eden, who reached Moscow this afternoon, had a conversation lasting over two hours with Monsieur Litvinoff. The matters discussed related to the subjects mentioned in the Anglo-French communique of February 3, and to the visit which Mr. Eden paid with Sir John Simon to Berlin.

The conversation is stated to have been conducted in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere. It will be resumed to-morrow morning and in the afternoon Mr. Eden will meet M. Stalin.

It is understood this will be the first occasion on which M. Stalin will have discussed international relations with a representative of a foreign Government, such matters hitherto having been exclusively in the hands of M. Litvinoff.

The Soviet authorities have given ample evidence of their desire to do Mr. Eden honour. When he arrived this morning, the Alexandrovsky terminus was lavishly decorated with British flags, and crowds of people watched him drive away from the station.—*British Wireless.*

EXPLAINS GERMAN OUTLOOK

DR. LUTHER SEES MR. HULL

LAVAL TO GO TO MOSCOW

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Washington, March 28.

Dr. Hans Luther, the German Ambassador to Washington, one of Germany's most notable diplomats, to-day conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, the United States Secretary of State, for half an hour.

It is understood that Dr. Luther furnished the American Minister with a verbal resume of the European developments from the German point of view.—*United Press.*

LAVAL FOR MOSCOW

Paris, March 28.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Laval, will visit Moscow on April 20, it was announced to-day.

M. Laval will probably attend the conference of the former Allies in Italy which will be called when Mr. Anthony Eden returns from Moscow and has reported to London. At this gathering it is expected that Britain, France and Italy, and any other nations which attend, will formulate a common policy in respect to the clauses of the Treaty of Versailles which Germany has unilaterally denounced.

M. Laval's visit has been anticipated and it is believed in some quarters to prefnce a completion of a Franco-Russian understanding. He will remain in Moscow for ten days.—*United Press.*

LITHUANIA ANSWERS GERMANY

FIERCELY RESENTS CRITICISM

TUMULTUOUS STUDENTS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Kovno, March 28.

Lithuanians to-day are angered by Germany's criticism of the action of a Lithuanian court in sentencing to death the leaders of the pro-German conspirators here, who murdered one of the men who exposed their plot to seize Memel in the name of the Fatherland.

There were tumultuous scenes in the streets, crowds shouting defiance to the German nation, just as Germans in all parts of their country cried for vengeance against Lithuania yesterday.

Professor Vladimir Stankevitschius, chief defence counsel for the German conspirators, was prevented from holding his regular lecture at the University here owing to the tumultuous demonstrations of Nationalist students.—*United Press.*

GERMANY TO ACT

Berlin, March 28.

In response to the nation's anger at the Kovno sentences against the Nazi plotters, it is learned that the Government is planning early action in an attempt to halt the executions of the four condemned.

The German Government will also demand a "new deal" for the German population of Memel, it is believed.—*United Press.*

"RAPHAEL" TALK

DANTE ALIGHIERI ASSOCIATION

An interesting lecture on "Raphael" the famous Italian painter and sculptor was given yesterday by Rev. Fr. T. F. Ryan, S. J., Editor of the *Rock*, under the auspices of the Dante Alighieri Association, Hongkong, before a large gathering at the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel. Among those present were:—Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Sir William and Lady Shenton, Mrs. De Precourt, Mr. Wei Tat, Dr. and Mrs. Sommers, Mr. Y. P. Law, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. de Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Y. S. Wan, Dr. Arthur Woo, Mr. H. Macnamara, Mr. and Mrs. Manual Rivera Iglesias, Mrs. E. M. Raymond, Dr. and Mrs. Pfister, Mrs. W. I. Gerrard, Mr. F. Alegre, Miss G. M. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Q.A.A. Macfadyen, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Miss Julia Lam, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jacks, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. H. S. Mok, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Birch, Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. M. J. Breen, Mr. U. Gonella, Mr. M. Cunietti, Mr. A. Piovanelli, Mr. R. Poinsot, Mr. J. S. H. Waan, Mr. E. Soprani and many others.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Rev. Father Ryan on the motion of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

CHINESE EGGS IN AMERICA

EXPORT RESTRICTION PROTESTED

Nanking, March 29.

It is learned in local official circles that the Nanking Foreign Office has instructed Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister at Washington, to lodge a protest with the American Government against the restrictions imposed on the importation of Chinese eggs.

According to a message from the Chinese Legation at Washington, the matter is being taken up with the State Department and a satisfactory settlement of the case is expected shortly.—*Central News.*

Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, who has engaged in cordial conversations in Moscow with M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Fast Track For Grand National

GOLDEN MILLER WANTS RAIN

PLENTY OF OPPOSITION

Aintree, March 28.

Golden Miller's jockey wants plenty of overnight rain before the Grand National, which is to be run to-morrow. Golden Miller is favourite, but he carries over twenty pounds in handicap weight.

The present fast course might enable some of the others to stay better than they would under severe conditions, Golden Miller's rider says.

Trainer Anthony is not without hopes, having Thomond, the American entry, and Royal Ransom in the race. Thomond is second favourite.

All others will welcome a fast course and say their horses are good jumpers and stayers.—*Reuter.*

NULLAH MURDER EXECUTION

CHINESE PAYS FULL PENALTY

Ng Loi-yuen, aged 38, found guilty of murdering Michael Pine, a British lad, by throwing him into the nullah near the lower Peak Tram station in June last, paid the full penalty for his crime, when he was executed at Victoria Gaol early this morning.

The delay in carrying out the death sentence was caused by an appeal having been made to the Privy Council, which body, however, declined to interfere with the verdict.

LOCAL DOLLAR DECLINES

NOW BELOW TWO SHILLINGS

The Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th on opening this morning, the official rate being two shillings Later in the morning, the rate was changed to 1s. 11⅞d., the market being weak.

Shanghai opened at 1s. 6⅞d., but later rose to 1s. 6.15/16d.

Silver prices in London declined 1/16th spot and 1/8th forward. China sold, while speculators bought, the market closing quietly steady.

OXFORD ROWING STRONGLY

BETTER TIME THAN CAMBRIDGE

PACED OVER COURSE

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London, March 28.

Oxford's crack eight-oar crew swept up the full course on a trial in the reverse direction of the Mortlake-Putney run to-day and in better time than that required by Cambridge a few days ago.

Oxford's time was 19 minutes 31 seconds and is rated a smart performance.

Cambridge had done the same stretch in 19 minutes 51 seconds, but unpaced, whereas Oxford was assisted by four crews, travelling in relays.

Conditions for the trail were almost ideal.

A feature of to-day's pull was the high rate of stroking, begining at thirty-five to the minute and finishing at thirty-six. The stroke never dropped below thirty-two.—*Reuter Special.*

Rabies Found In Mule

NO GRAZING IN KOWLOON

A case of rabies in a mule having occurred in the Colony, and the Governor-in-Council considering that an occasion of public danger exists, the following regulations have been made:

1. Except with the written permission of the Colonial of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon all movement of equines from the New Territories to any other part of the Colony is prohibited.

2. No equine in Kowloon or the New Territories (including New Kowloon) shall be turned out to graze.

3. Any equine in Kowloon or the New Territories (including New Kowloon) now turned out to graze shall be brought into stables there forthwith.

THREE PROVINCES FIGHT FLOOD

LARGE SUM TO PUT DYKES IN ORDER

Kaifengu, Mar. 28.

In dealing with the emergency flood situation on the Yellow River, affecting three provinces, Hopei, Honan and Shantung, the Three Provinces Flood Prevention Committee held a meeting here to-day approving the appropriation of $1,080,000 for the strengthening and repairing of the endangered sykes along the river.

The Committee also recommended that $540,000 of the sum be granted by the Central Government, while the remainder be raised by the three provinces concerned.—*Central News.*

JAPANESE TROOPS INSIDE WALL

BRUSH WITH CHINA MILITIA UNITS

Peiping, March 28.

The local militia units in Hunjiao District, within the Great Wall, clashed with a body of Japanese troops yesterday.

The Japanese allegedly passed the Great Wall for the purpose of chasing some bandits. Subsequently, it transpired that the conflict was entirely due to misunderstanding. The Japanese troops have refused to evacuate the area though it is under Chinese control, until to-morrow.—*Central News.*

GOLD FLOWS TO AMERICA

CONTINENT FEARS FINANCE CRISIS

BELGIUM MAY LINK UP WITH STERLING

Paris, March 28.

Eighteen million pounds sterling in gold has been shipped from London to Paris by the British Control Fund in order to cover forward purchases of sterling made when the pound was at 71. The British authorities at that time did not have sufficient francs available.

It is stressed that these shipments are independent of all other gold movements.

Paris, however, is losing gold to New York, as commercial purchases of dollars are increasing with the Gold Bloc crisis.

The situation is believed to hinge upon the ability of Holland and Switzerland to continue shipping gold to meet the withdrawals of foreign funds. Curtailment or suspension of shipments by Holland or Switzerland may compel the French authorities to take measures to stem the outflow of gold from France.

It is believed that recent political developments on the Continent may have lessened the willingness of the French authorities to lose larger quantities of gold.

It is rumoured that M. Van Zeeland, Belgium's Prime Minister, may propose devaluation of the Belgian franc to one one-hundred-and-thirtieth part of a pound sterling, establishing a fixed relationship of 26 Belgas to the pound, thus implying a 28 per cent. depreciation. Thereafter, it is thought that a four per cent. Belgian loan may be floated in London for conversions of Belgium's internal public debt.

France, it will be recalled, recently promised to endeavour to assist Belgium with a big loan, but found it impossible so to do. It is believed in some quarters that Belgium has thus been literally driven into a union with the pound.—*Reuter.*

EXCHANGES CLOSED

Brussels, March 28.

All Belgian Stock Exchanges are to be closed until Monday, April 1, apparently in connection with the forthcoming Ministerial declaration or other possible developments regarding the status of the Belga.

It is understood that the bourses are to be closed in order to prevent speculation and to allow the Government time to take whatever financial measures it considers necessary to cope with the Belga's situation.

It is generally expected that some form of official declaration will be made to-morrow for the devaluation of the Belga.

There was considerable excitement here to-day when at 10.15 a.m. the order was given for closing the bourses. Official circles, however, emphasise that this procedure was adopted simply to prevent speculation and not due to any fears of panic.

At present there are no signs of panic in any part of the country.—*United Press.*

REACTION IN LONDON

London, March 28.

On the various exchanges here to-day Belgian prices were displaying a marked upward tendency.

Considerable withdrawals of Belgian accounts have been noted from the most popular banks and savings' banks.—*United Press.*

REDUCING HIGHWAY DEATHS

SPEED LIMIT A FACTOR

FEWER HURT IN BRITAIN

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, March 28.

The first week of the thirty-mile an hour speed limit in London's built up areas has resulted in a decrease in casualties.

The difference is not very great, but is is definitely there.

In this first week 100 persons were killed in highway accidents and 2,851 were injured. This latter figure is one of the lowest ever recorded since the days of fast motor travel commenced.

The week previous, before the speed limit came into force, 106 persons were killed and 2,870 were injured.

These figures were issued by the Ministry of Transport to-day, and at the same time it was recalled that for the corresponding period of 1934 the road toll was much higher, being 128 killed and 3,346 injured.

It was a matter for comment, too, the Ministry stated, that there were 12 per cent. more vehicles on the roads this year compared with last.—*Reuter Special.*

SECOND CHILD IN SIX-MONTH

STRANGE CASE OF SHANGHAI MOTHER

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, March 29.

Mrs. Ku Teh-fou, the wife of a poultry keeper at the old North Gate, yesterday gave birth to a son—her second child within six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hu announced the birth of a daughter in October, and they have won local fame through this phenomenon.—*United Press.*

C.E.R. TRANSFER PROCEEDING

JAPANESE GRADUALLY TAKE OVER

Harbin, Mar. 28.

The transfer of control of the Chinese Eastern Railway to the hands of the Manchukuo-Japanese authorities has been carried out smoothly and without any incident since the formal announcement of the transfer, except that the progress of the transfer on the western section is somewhat hindered by the sudden death of a Japanese engineer in charge.

All locomotives on the Railway have been manned by Japanese drivers while the majority of the posts of minor railway employees are given to Manchukuo natives.—*Central News.*

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FURTHER PLANS FOR JUBILEE

LONDON A CITY OF FLOWERS

London.

The Royal Stand at Ascot is being transformed. It will be a fitting mark by Royal Ascot of the Royal Jubilee. The portion of the stand which faces the course, a familiar object to racegoers, is being left practically unaltered. Almost the whole of the rest of the stand, with the Royal luncheon room and the King's and Queen's retiring rooms, has been pulled down. It is being rebuilt with massive iron girders filled in with red brickwork. The main entrance, on the south side, where the coaches used in the Royal procession pull up, is being reconstructed. In place of the hitherto somewhat unpretentious elevation there is being built a striking facade with great blocks of Portland stone.

Another Ascot development this year will be the bringing into use of the new car park. The Ascot authorities have purchased the estate in the High-street known as the Grange, which Lord Lonsdale used to take for race week. The mansion has been pulled down and progress made with the conversion of the site into a car park to accommodate 500 or 600 charabancs in addition to hundreds of cars. It will be available in June. Another undertaking which the authorities now have in hand is the provision of a great reservoir, partly underground, which will hold 5,000,000 gallons. It will be filled as far as possible by natural drainage from Ascot Heath, the deficit being made up from company's water. This will be provided a "stand-by" supply for watering the course should there be a repetition of last year's drought with its restrictions.

THE JUBILEE

From £3 to £50 is being paid for seats on the route of the King and Queen's drive from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral for the Silver Jubilee thanksgiving service on May 6. Although it is over 10 weeks before the drive will take place, applications for seats are already being made in large numbers. The ticket agencies are negotiating almost daily with owners of buildings on the route to secure additional space. The higher priced seats are in St. Paul's Churchyard, where spectators will see the procession arrive and leave.

The Board of Education has announced that the King has expressed a desire that all schools should share in the Jubilee celebrations. The King wishes the particular form in which this should be done to be left to the discretion of the responsible school authorities.

CITY OF FLOWERS

A campaign to make London a city of flowers grown and tended by her citizens has been promoted by the London Gardens Society. The Society has enlisted the help of tens of thousands of school children. The Society carries on its work largely in areas associated with docks, wharves, warehouses and factories. "Gardens" there are window boxes or a few plant pots. Missionaries are now going forth giving advice and hints to dwellers in crowded areas on growing simple flowers to add a note of colour to the pageantry of the King's Jubilee, and to make happier those who "pass by your window".

In South London 30,000 schoolchildren are growing bulbs for exhibition in March. There is to be a special display at the Royal Horticultural Hall of flowers grown by children. One day in June trains carrying workers to the City will be a "sight": Every amateur gardener in London is expected to wear a buttonhole of home grown flowers.

Twelve episodes are being rehearsed for the Jubilee Pageant and Tattoo in the moat of the Tower in London. They include all the ingredients of a first class pageant—spectacle, thrills, music, laughter, and a few tears. One of the most colourful scenes will be the return of Henry V. from Agincourt. Music and dancing find a place in May Day revels of the time of Elizabeth and there is good fun in the cricket match of 1739.

The King held a Council at Buckingham Palace recently at which he formally approved the Proclamation appointing May 6, the anniversary of his accession, as a Bank Holiday. His Majesty also pricked the list of new County Sheriffs for 1935.

The railways of Britain are being mobilised to their fullest capacity to give special travel facilities during the King's Jubilee celebrations. An official of the Railway Companies' Association told the *Evening Standard*. "We are preparing to co-operate with nearly all the events which are being planned. "In this country the cheap fare programmes which were introduced in January are to be supplemented by liberal programmes of special trains at excursion fares. "Through our overseas offices in Paris, Rome, New York and elsewhere, our agencies are linking up with the foreign railways, especially in France and America. A great many bookings have already been made. "The Aldershot Tattoo, Navy Week at Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth, and also the Royal Air Force demonstration at Hendon will all have a special bearing upon the Jubilee celebrations. "The Aldershot Tattoo, for example, is to be particularly a 'Jubilee number'. Instead of the customary 6 performances there will be 8. It will include special pageants of the ages of Norman, Plantagenet, Tudor and Hanoverian monarchs.

NAVY DRESS

Trimmed With Organdie Cuffs and Panels

BLUE AND WHITE

Here is one of the new navy dresses with vest, jabot, and cuffs of off-white organdie. The skirt is cut with a V from which runs a centre seam opening from the knee to show an organdie panel.

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CORNISH ROLY-POLY

AN oven recipe this time. Chop about ½ lb. beef with two slices bacon. Add to it two parboiled potatoes, chopped, a small cooked onion, also chopped a saltspoonful allspice, a teaspoonful pepper, and ½ teaspoonful salt. Moisten with two tablespoonfuls gravy or stock. Make a paste with 6 oz. flour, 3 ozs. butter or margarine, ½ teaspoonful baking powder, and a little water. Roll out to about ½ inch thickness, arrange the meat mixture on it, roll up, wetting the edges to make them stick together, and bake in a good oven from 30-40 minutes.

Serve with a little good gravy, handed separately. If preferred, this dish may be eaten cold, in which case it should be cut in neat slices and garnished with salad.

INDUSTRIAL PLANNING

N.R.A. PLANS NEW PROGRAMME

AWAITS WORD OF CONGRESS

Washington, Mar. 19.

The United States faces an era of national industrial "planning" when the National Industrial Recovery Act is extended by Congress.

The original two-year period of the law expires June 16, prior to which time Congress must decide whether to foster a gradual reversion to the pre-depression business system of the country or further to extend the politico-economic regime developed under the NRA and its sister organisation, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The fundamental objective of the NRA, as announced by President Roosevelt upon its signature, "was to put people back to work. By the most generous estimate, and disregarding other federal enterprises which have contributed to recovery, the NRA can claim credit for the re-employmnt of about 4,000,000 workers.

The National Recovery Administration as an emergency recovery organisation has gradually evolved into a vast organism for the more-or-less voluntary regulation of the nation's industry, and every present circumstance indicates that "reform" and not "recovery", will be the dominant idea if Congress grants a new lease on life.

HOPE IN EAGLE

This means, in effect, that an agency of the Federal Government which has extended its coercive or advisory power into 2,500,000 separate business establishments engaging over 90 per cent. of the nation's industrial employees will assume a larger role in "planning" for the industrial world. The NRA will become a more generally recognised and accepted arbiter between the interests of capital and labour, producer and consumer, foreign trader and domestic trader, raw material man or processor.

Never has the world witnessed the growth of a governmental economic agency greater than that of the NRA.

Whether the "blue eagle"—symbol of NRA—flies high or flies low, indisputable statistics confirm the wide range of its swoop. Thousands of industrialists breathe easier under the relaxation of the anti-trust laws, and millions of workers still hope, although less confidently than a year ago, that the "eagle" is in fact an omen of a "New Deal".

The latest official tabulation showed 548 codes in effect, affecting approximately 22,000,000 workers, of whom 18,000,000 were directly affected by hours and wages provisions. Two and one-half million establishments were under codes.

MUST GO ON

Dissolution of this vast organism by Congress is practically inconceivable because the industrialists would not want re-exposure to the strict application of anti-monopoly laws, and "organized labour", although resentful over application of some provisions of the NRA would be reluctant to relinquish the hardgained legal status gained in Section 7-A.

The problem for Congress therefore becomes one of assuring that future evolution of the NRA should safeguard the interest of the nation in its entirety. This can only be accomplished, experts believe, with uniform justice through widening the "planning" activities of the central organization. This implies the gradual further curtailment of free competition, the earlier guiding principle of national economic policy. —*United Press.*

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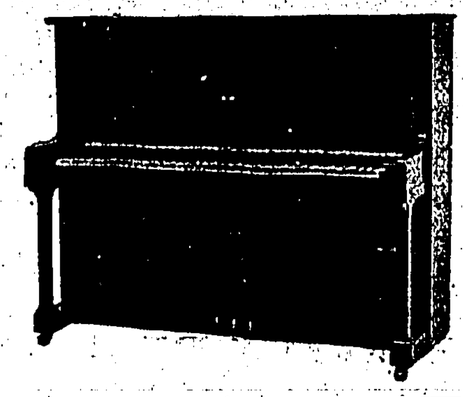

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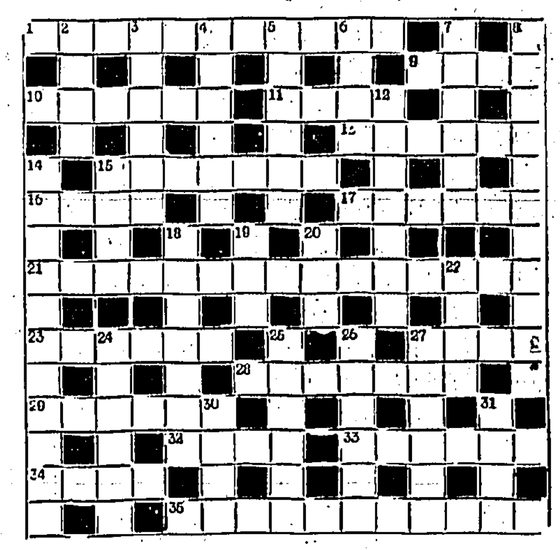

Across

1 "Weeds awe Tom," but this plant wears the white flowers of a blameless life. (anag.).
9 Cut prices to get food for poor Orientals.
10 Bird.
11 Fifty-one by itself.
13 How Slavin became changed, and took hard knocks without losing temper.
15 Stumped.
16 It sounds complete, but, there's nothing of it.
17 A hybrid contributes largely to the charm.
21 The form of camouflage that "lightens up a girl." (Three-word anag.).
23 Another flowering plant, but this one is only partly hid.
27 Obliged to become intoxicating eventually.
28 Book of the Bible.
29 Cared for.
32 Double this.
33 Diverts.
34 I can't see much in the doctor, but it would seem that the cow did.
35 You need this to even up things (hyphen).

Down

2 Dutch town.
3 The gauge on a paper-making machine.
4 Many a man has to pay for what a woman has seen through this.
5 Lost energy.
6 Volcano.
7 Ornamental extremity.
8 Tattered tails in truth show adaptability.
12 No friends of yours—or mine.
14 Countenance.
15 The game to take up.
18 This abroad is a rumour.
19 Undivided.
20 In short, the rest.
22 Representing unpaid debts.
24 A stiff paper arising from study about art.
25 No, he is not a cyclist, this commercial traveller.
26 In a breathing space the accountant will make a fresh computation, and make
27 a small entry.
30 Unload, roughly.
31 Only a female parent.

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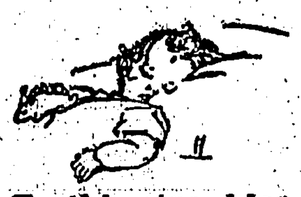

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DEATH TO OPIUM ADDICTS

CHINA MEANS TO END EVILS

GOVERNMENT NOT FOOLING

Tientsin.

The Chinese Government's drive against the narcotic evil is achieving an amazing success in North China where the traffic is either being destroyed or driven deep underground, it was apparent today.

The most casual observer cannot escape noticing the vast difference between the opium smoking and peddling situation in the foreign-controlled concessions of Shanghai as compared with the Chinese-controlled cities and communities in North China, at least.

China's charge, made to the Opium Committee of the League of Nations recently, that the foreign concessions in China are the centres of the drug traffic in the Orient, created much bitterness but there is some reason to believe the facts were truthfully stated.

Any person who has lived in Shanghai or in North China, and is well acquainted with the average citizen, is struck at once with the changed attitude of the opium smoker or narcotic user to the narcotic laws.

The average Shanghai Chinese does not believe it against the law to smoke opium in his home although he knows that opium "dens"

For their own protection, millionaires and big business men are being finger-printed in New York. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jn. here enters the police files officially.

are unlawful. One can walk through any typical Chinese passageway in Shanghai and smell the pungent fumes of opium emanating from the crowded houses on either side.

Of the thousands of sing-song houses in Shanghai, this correspondent has yet to hear of one where the opium lamp and pipe are not always ready for the guest. Special precautions are not even necessary as in the United States during the prohibition era, when a "password" or surveillance through a peephole was necessary before admittance.

In Tientsin, Nanking, Peiping or any other city of North China, it is a different story. Clinics are established everywhere to cure narcotic and opium addicts. There is no "public" smoking as in Shanghai. Users lived in terror of being caught by the police and being given the "cure" for the first offence and facing a firing squad for the second.

There is, in Tientsin, only one large opium "den" known to most Chinese. It is in the Japanese Concession and is said to be licenced. If there are others, they are insignificant and not known to the average Chinese.

The fact that the anti-narcotic law is being strictly enforced against higher Chinese officials in North China, and the number of public executions witnessed here, are convincing the user in these parts that the Government is not fooling.—*United Press.*

Steve Hamas went to Berlin to fight Max Schmeling recently, but could not hit the German hard enough to win.

SOUTH AMERICA CULTURE

SPREAD FAR TO NORTH-WEST

CHAIN OF EVIDENCE

Washington.

Aboriginal South American culture extended to the Bay Islands of the Caribbean off Honduras, a new report of the Smithsonian Institution indicates.

The report, by Dr. William Duncan Strong of the American Bureau of Ethnology is a study of "Chorotegan" type civilisation, which at the time of Columbus centred in Spanish Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. Some archaeologists have sought to find in it the basis of the Maya civilisation of Yucatan and Guatemala, the highest achieved in the aboriginal New World and one of the highest evolved independently anywhere on earth. It was much cruder than the higher culture, but bears certain general and perhaps basic resemblances to it. The findings of the Smithsonian expedition indicate that people of the Bay Islands had borrowed little from the nearby Maya, whereas the influence of the more distant Costa Rican civilisation was strong.

Dr. Strong gives detailed descriptions of the art facts recovered and the sites explored, with the conclusion that the culture of the Bay Islands represents an extreme northern thrust of South American influence and that any final solution of the major problems of Central America must await more thorough exploration of the southern continent.

"Most of the archaeological remains on the Bay Islands and the adjacent mainland," he says, "show strong connections with the prehistoric Highland area of Costa Rica. . . . The only people of the Highland region at the time of the conquest were the Guetar, who belong to the Chibchan linguistic stock of South America. . . . Historical evidence, ethnology, archaeology, and linguistics all combine to suggest that peoples of South American affiliations must have been responsible for most of the archaeological remains on the Bay Islands and probably in Northern Honduras as well. . . . That peoples of Chibchan or affiliated speech at least served as carriers of the culture seems clearly demonstrable.

"The occurrence of this marked prehistoric thrust of South American influence as far North and West as the Bay Islands has interesting theoretical connotations. It forms another link in the growing chain of evidence indicating that the answers to many basic problems of Middle American culture history lie buried in the Southern continent.—*United Press.*

TRAINING THE NATION

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S PROGRAMME

BACK TO OLD STANDARDS

Nanking.

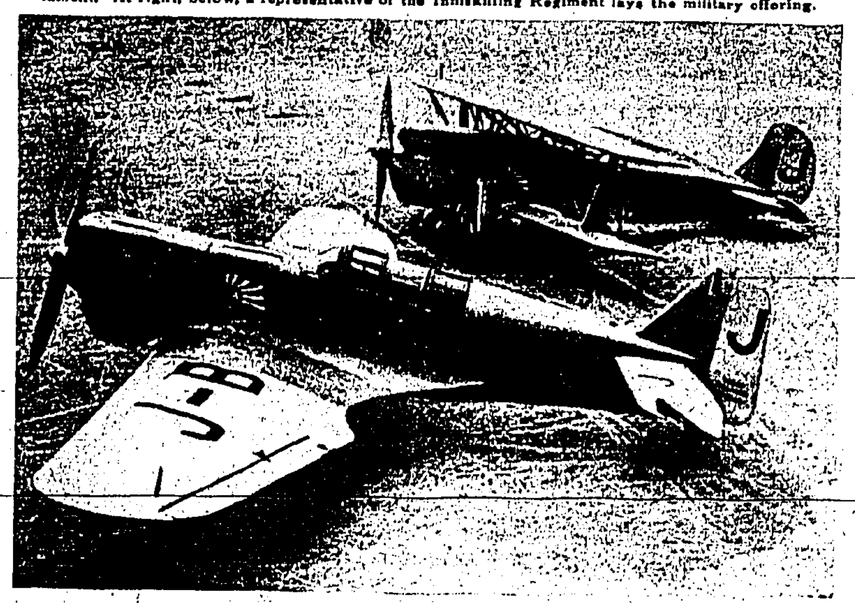
Physical training as a means of race strengthening is strongly advocated by General Chiang Kai-shek, China's active but un-athletic strong man, in a blanket order which would require all students, teachers and public functionaries to select some form of athletics and train in it regularly.

The Generalissimo's decision to enforce a nation-wide programme of individual and group physical training has not grown out of his personal experience practice, for the bulwark of the Chinese government has rarely been known to do much more than take short walks, usually accompanied by his American-educated wife.

Rather, the Generalissimo has gone back to the standard of the ancient Chinese, who included archery and chariot racing among the "six arts" to be excelled in by every scholar and candidate for public office.

In his circular order to all provincial, political and military administrations, General Chiang bluntly states that modern Chinese public servants, especially those occupying high places in party and military organisations, are too fond of a life of ease. To remedy this situation the head of the National Military Affairs Commission has ordered that group physical training, under qualified instructors, must be enforced in all organisations under control of the National Government. High officials may be excused from taking part in group training, but they must train regularly in a branch of physical activity of their own choosing.—*United Press.*

The occasion of St. Patrick's Day falling on the Sabbath made doubly impressive the customary wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph, Shanghai, participated in by members of St. Patrick's Society and representatives of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. At top left are shown Messrs. E. F. Hardman and S. C. Young, President and Vice President of the Society, with the floral offering in the shape of "The Harp that rang through Tara's Halls." At top right are shown in file some of those who attended including Mr. Hardman, Mr. Young, Captain J. T. Inch and Mr. P. T. Givens. Left, below, are shown representatives of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, on extreme left the piper who played an Irish lament. At right, below, a representative of the Inniskilling Regiment lays the military offering.



To further good will between the Japanese and Chinese people, the "Asahi," a Japanese-built aeroplane owned by the Tokyo *Asahi* and the Osaka *Asahi*, recently visited Nanking and Shanghai. The good-will plane is seen in the foreground before it left Tokyo.

Vast numbers of Chinese movie fans in Shanghai turned out en masse to view the funeral procession for Miss Yuen Ling-yu, cinema tragedienne, who was ranked second only to Butterfly Wu in the native cinema constellation. At top left is shown a cross section of the throng in Kiaochao Road. Top right is shown a gigantic glass-covered picture of the late star. At bottom left is seen the bus which conveyed part of the elaborate floral offerings—marchers may be seen holding strands of the black rope which encircled groups of the film colony who walked in the parade. At bottom right is shown the casket, with Mr. Tang Chi-sen, chief mourner a close friend of the star.

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TOLL DECREASES

BELISHA PLANS FOR ROAD SAFETY SUCCEEDING

London, Mar. 28.

Traffic fatalities on British highways have shown considerable decreases since the new traffic laws were brought into force.

This was revealed in the House of Commons yesterday by the Minister for Transport, Mr. Hore Belisha, who said that the number of people killed or injured had shown a continuous decrease.

He added that he anticipated that the fatality rate would be lower still at the end of the first week in which the 30 mile-per-hour speed limit in built-up areas had been in operation.

The speed limit had caused no traffic congestion in London, as had been anticipated by some quarters. On the contrary there was general agreement that traffic was proceeding more smoothly.

Singapore Link

Further traffic regulations will be brought into force on Monday, when the driving examination system, one of Mr. Hore Belisha's safety measures, is to be enforced.

All new applicants for driving licences, and all who have obtained licences since April 1 last year, will have to undergo an examination.

Captain R. S. F. Stuart, of Bristol, a former Singapore resident, has been selected by the Minister to be chief examiner in the organisation which has been set up to test applicants for motor-driving licences in their competence to drive.

Expert motor-car and lorry drivers have been chosen to fill the 200 remaining vacancies on the new examination board.—*British Wireless.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The boxes can be obtained from Mr. A. Morris, at the address mentioned above, or from Mr. S. F. Balfour, of the Colonial Secretariat.

The Collection is to begin on April 1, between which date and May 1 the boxes should be circulated; when filled, they should be sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which has kindly undertaken to receive same.

COUNCIL MEETING

LARGE SUMS FOR LOAN WORKS APPROVED

Approval of the sum of $217,067.30 on account of loan works being met from surplus balances during the financial year 1934, pending the issue of a further loan, and of $2,000,000 in respect of 1935, was given at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council on the motion of the Colonial Treasurer.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., presided, and there were also present:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major General O. C. Borrett, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.;

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir Thomas Southorn, K.B.E., C.M.G.);

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C., O.B.E.);

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith);

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. E. Taylor);

Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), (Harbour Master);

Hon. Dr. W. B. A. Moore (Acting Director of Medical and Sanitary Services);

Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson (Director of Public Works);

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Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D.;

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson;

Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau;

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (Acting Deputy Clerk of Councils).

The report of the Finance Committee, No. 5, of March 22, 1935, was adopted on the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

Loan Works

The Colonial Treasurer said: The resolutions standing in my name are in connection with approved loan works.

It will be recollected that before the issue of 3½% Bonds in July, 1934, and in anticipation of such borrowing the financing of the loan works was done out of surplus balances. At the end of June, 1934, $8,422,267.62 had been so advanced. Between that date and December 31 $5,654,799.68 was spent leaving $217,067.30 overdrawn on loan account and this has been met from surplus balances pending further borrowing. Your approval of this is, therefore, requested.

During 1935 further sums must be advanced, and as our cash resources will at the moment allow of this form of economical finance I am asking for authority to utilise part of this surplus in this manner and so save interest charges.

Reference to Appendix VI p.117 of the 1935 Estimates will shew that the expenditure on loan works during 1935 is estimated at $4,727,080 and of this amount $456,148.—(not including Crown Agents charges)—was expended at the end of February. I am now asking for $2,000,000.—out of surplus balances to carry on for the first six months of this year when the position will be again reviewed as to whether further borrowing will be necessary or not.

It will be remembered that Ordinance 11 of 1934 authorises the Governor to borrow up to a sum not exceeding 25 million dollars. I now move—

1. That this Council approves of the sum of $217,067.30 on account of loan works being met from surplus balances during the financial year 1934 pending the issue of a further loan.

2. That this Council approves of the sum of $2,000,000 on account of loan works being met from surplus balances during the financial year 1935 pending the issue of a further loan.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and this was agreed to.

Liquors Ordinance

The Colonial Treasurer moved the following resolution.

Resolved pursuant to section 39 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 36 of 1931, that the Liquor Duties Resolutions of the 30th June, 1932, the 18th August, 1932, the 20th October, 1932, and the 14th June, 1934 (published respectively in the *Gazette* by Notifications No. 417 of the 30th June, 1932, No. 536 of the 19th August 1932, No. 665 of the 21st October, 1932, and No. 468 of the 15th June, 1934) be rescinded and that on and after coming into operation of this Resolution the duties to be paid upon intoxicating or spirituous liquors imported into, or distilled, made or prepared in, the Colony shall be assessed as in the following Table: Provided that the dollars and decimals thereof stated in the Table shall be conventional dollars reckoned as the equivalent of one shilling and eight pence sterling; and that consequently to arrive at the actual amount payable in Hongkong currency the Conventional dollar stated in the Table shall be multiplied by 20 and divided by a figure settled by the Colonial Treasurer from time to time representing the average opening selling rates for the previous month of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for demand drafts on London and until so settled the figure shall be 23.70.

Tables annexed showed the details of duties: no material change appeared, except that perry and cider are separated from beer in the schedule.

He said: The resolution standing in my name has been necessitated by the rise in the sterling value of the dollar above 1s/8d, the conventional rate taken in 1931 when all imported liquors and beers were assessed on a sterling basis.

Locally produced beer and Chinese type liquor remained on a silver basis and it is evident that with a dollar reckoned above 1s/8d the local article would pay slightly more in duty. This resolution brings local beer and Chinese type liquor onto the conventional dollar and prevents what would otherwise be an unfair preference on imported liquor. No other alteration has been made. For purposes of easy reference, advantage has been taken to rescind all previous resolutions dealing with duties under the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, and consolidate them in the one resolution which I move.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and this was agreed to.

Buildings Ordinance

In connection with the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Construction of Buildings," His Excellency the Governor said: As certain representations have been made to Government, with the permission of the Council I propose to postpone the first reading of the Buildings Bill.

This was agreed to.

The Peak Tramway Amendment Ordinance, 1935, passed through its final stages without amendments.

Council was adjourned until Thursday, April 4.

Finance Committee

Following the meeting of the Council, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held at which votes totalling $37,037 were approved. The Colonial Secretary presided.

ARIYOSHI AND WANG

DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN PILOTAGE RIGHTS

Nanking, March 28.

According to an official report, the question of pilotage rights held by foreigners in China was one of the issues being talked over during Mr. Ariyoshi's interview with Mr. Wang Ching Wei to-day.

The Japanese Minister also expressed his thanks for the cordial reception given by the Chinese Government to the *Asahi* plane during her goodwill visit to Nanking and Shanghai recently.—*Central News Agency.*

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Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Yochow	Fri., Mar. 29, 1 p.m.
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Manila	Pres. Polk	Fri., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U. S. A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C., and *Europe via Siberia (Due Victoria B.C., 16th April)	President Grant	Fri. Mar. 29. Parcels, ... March 29, 3 p.m. Reg., ... March 29, 4.15 p.m Letters, ... March 29, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Wing Lee	Fri., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, *Mauritius, *E. and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 27th April).	Haruna Maru	Fri., Mar. 29
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Saturday.		
Straits and Calcutta	Santhia	Sat., Mar. 30,
Parcels, ...Mar. 29, 5 p.m.		Letters, ...Mar. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Patroclus	Sat., Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
Manila	Silversandal	Sat., Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
Japan	Suisang	Sat., Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
Sunday.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Mar. 31, 9 a.m.
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Monday.		
Foochow	Tean	Mon., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday.		
*Manila, Makasser and Sourabaya	Tjiandane	Tues., Apr. 2, 9.30 a.m
Hoihow and Bangkok	Kaying	Tues., Apr. 2, 1.30 p.m.
*Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane. (Due Brisbane, 20th April).	Nankin	Tues., Apr. 2, Parcels, ...Apr. 2, Noon. Reg., ...Apr. 2, 1.45 p.m. Letters, ...Apr. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., April 2, 3 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Tues., Apr. 2, 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa.	Manila Maru	Wed., Apr. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 3, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday.		
*Shanghai	Conte Verde	Thurs., Apr. 4, 9.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremer	Thurs., Apr. 4, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, *Japan, and *Europe via Siberia.	Ranchi	Thurs., Apr. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Thurs., Apr. 4, 2 p.m.
Friday.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only) and *Europe via Siberia. (Due Vancouver B.C., 22nd April).	Emp. of Asia	Fri., Apr. 5, Parcels, ...Apr. 4, 5 p.m. Reg., ...Apr. 5, 9.15 a.m. Letters, ...Apr. 5, 10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	King Yuan	Fri., Apr. 5, 1 p.m.

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London, Mar. 28.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent, together with the Governor of the Bahamas and Lady Clifford took luncheon with President Roosevelt in the Astor yacht, Nourmahal, yesterday off Nassau.—*British Wireless.*

CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

"Broadway Bill," the Frank Capra comedy sensation co-starring Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy, which has been hailed in many quarters as the successor to the famed "It Happened One Night," is due at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. Aside from the unique qualities of delightful comedy, whimsy and charming romance with which both films are endowed, the similarity embraces the facts that both were produced by Columbia, directed by Frank Capra, written by Robert Riskin and featured a starring team of exceptional players. The story of "Broadway" is that of a romance between a man and a girl, both imbued with the love of horses and a roving nature. Drama, pathos and humour are said to be blended into the screen play with the deft Capra touch. Miss Loy is presented as a new and intriguing personality and Baxter's portrayal as the young man married into a rich family but who wants freedom from wealth and in-laws, is grand. "Broadway Bill" is said to be reminiscent of Capra's recent success "It Happened One Night." Others in the cast of the new film are Helen Vinson as Baxter's wife, Walter Connolly, Clarence Muse, Raymond Walburn and many others—all ace performers and forming a typical Capra cast.

"The First World War"

Speaking over the radio recently, Lowell Thomas, famous broadcaster, described Laurence Stallings's book, "The First World War," as "a spectacular collection of photographs." "The First World War" has now been made into a motion picture and, according to advance reports, it is more "spectacular" still. Stallings himself has again handled the job of editing, but in the film version he has the added advantage of animated figures and events as subjects for comment. Some of the most remarkable films stored for years in the secret archives of Europe and the United States are shown to the public for the first time in "The First World War," which will arrive at the King's Theatre soon.

"Crime Without Passion"

Once a good scenario has been written and a capable cast selected, a motion picture's success or failure depends on the capability of its cameraman, electricians, sound technicians, director and crew, according to Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, producers of Paramount's "Crime Without Passion," which comes to-day to the Star Theatre. "That's the reason we selected the best technical staff available for this picture," explains Hecht. "And, in selecting a cast, we picked those whom we consider 'comers,' to wit: Claude Rains, Whitney Bourne and Margo, the Spanish-American dancer. That, of course, was after we had written the best scenario we knew how to write. Then we lined up Lee Garmes, one of the best cameramen ever to come out of Hollywood; Slavko Vorkapich, ace technician; Albert Johnson, who has designed sets for numerous Broadway hits; Art Rosson, who has some striking new ideas about direction, and so on down the line. If our theory is correct, 'Crime Without Passion' can't help being a success."

"The Hell Cat"

Set in the colourful atmosphere of newspaperdom, "The Hell Cat," the Columbia melodrama featuring Robert Armstrong and Ann Sothern concludes its local engagement to-day at the Queen's Theatre. The picture is said to be an unusually interesting treatment of the taming of the shrew theme in which a reporter encounters a wilful society girl and proceeds to teach her the A.B.C's of "how to be nice," making a practical application of that old admonition "treat'em rough and treat'em seldom" when Miss Sothern as the spitfire deb slaps him for attempting to take her picture and is surprised to find him returning the slap. Directed by Al Rogell, "The Hell Cat" is full of action and laughs blended in equal portions and interspersed with a series of thrilling incidents and some genuine drama. The supporting cast includes Minna Gombell, Benny Baker, Irving Bacon, J. Carroll Naish, Henry Kolker, Purnell Pratt and Richard Heming.

"Kid Millions"

Eddie Cantor, banjo-eyed clown who last year cavorted among chariots and lions in the Rome of the Caesars, in "Roman Scandals," this season invades the land of the camels and the Pyramids in "Kid Millions", which comes to the King's Theatre to-day. The comedian's fifth annual screen musical extravaganza for Samuel Goldwyn introduces him as a black sheep of the Brooklyn waterfront who inherits a fortune in buried treasure and travels to Egypt to claim it, with Ann Sothern, Ethel Merman, George Murphy, and Block and Sully, lending romance, "hotcha," and hilarity to the proceedings. The season's most tuneful song hits are a feature of the film. Arthur Sheekman, Nat Perrin and Nunally Johnson are credited with the story and dialogue of the film, which was directed by Roy Del Ruth, for release through United Artists. Seymour Felix staged the dances and ensembles. The colour direction of the Ice Cream Fantasy feature is by Willy Pogany.

"Evergreen"

From whatever angle it is regarded, "Evergreen" is sound entertainment. This Gaumont-British adaptation and elaboration of C. B. Cochran's stage production which comes to the Central Theatre on Wednesday gathers within its ample folds two distinct entertainment periods: the old Tivoli days and modernity in variety. Those "old Tivoli days" should endear "Evergreen" to the heart of the old-timer. The reconstruction has been accomplished with such fidelity that those who were familiar with the house in the Strand will scarcely require an effort of the memory to bring a return of those happy times. By way of contrast we have the old-time music hall and the modern theatre with its opulent display in settings, the magnificence and the artistry of large singing and dancing choruses, advanced technique in production, and the brilliance of blatant musical numbers. What does not alter is the appreciation of a good song and a clever dance by a popular artiste, and the new as well as the old Harriet Green, in the person of Jessie Matthews, will win the heart of the most hardened amusement-seeker by her supreme artistry. Betty Balfour's "return," in the character of Maudie, will be appreciated. Sonnie Hale has a part which affords him real opportunity and he puts over a fine performance, as does also Barry MacKay. Others in the cast include Hartley Power, excellent as the blackmailer, Ivor Maclaren, Patrick Ludlow, Betty Shale and Marjorie Brooks.

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

Topical Pictures To-morrow

Many interesting pictures will appear in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Pictorial Supplement, including some of the recent big-scale manœuvres in Hongkong.

Amongst the groups will be one showing Spanish Fathers, including Father Bravo, recently released by Communists after over a year's captivity.

The wedding of Mr. Yung Chi-yim and Miss Emily Tam will be illustrated, whilst other pictures will show the women's section of the Golf Club at the annual Fanling Meeting, the staff of St. Stephen's Girls' School, the Morrison Hall athletic team, and a photo will also appear of the St. Patrick's Ball in progress.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From the "Telegraph" Files

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St. John's Cathedral seatholders approved a scheme for raising a fund by monthly subscriptions to provide a stipend for an Assistant Chaplain.

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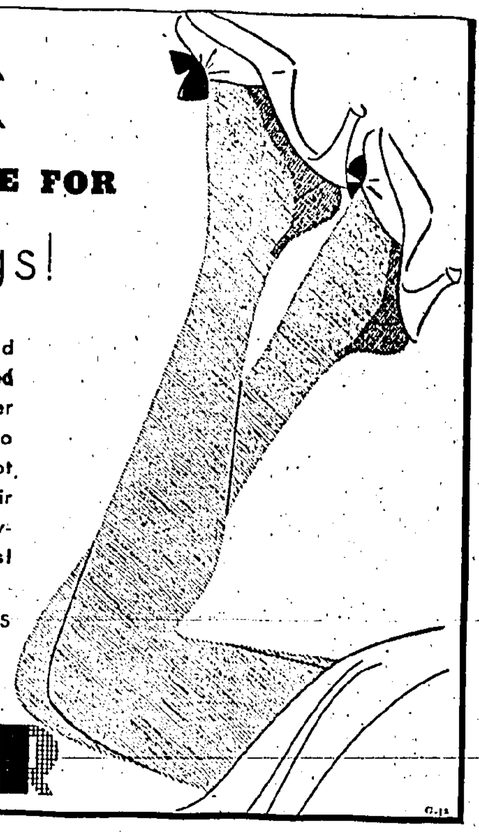

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FRIDAY, MAR. 29, 1935.

MUNITIONS TRADE CONTROL

France, unlike Britain and the United States, is not disposed at the moment to conduct an investigation into the manufacture of armaments. The reason given by M. Flandin is that he is against French national defence being discussed at the present moment. Meanwhile, it is of interest to note that as the United States Senate moves nearer to passage of a law limiting war-time profits in the munitions trade, further exposures of how the trade was handled in the Great War are threatened. It is even suggested by members of the Nye Committee that there was something like a strike of capital in the most crucial moments of the war, when big munitions makers are said to have delayed production to quibble over profits at a time of national crisis. Senator Nye bluntly states that some of the munitions makers "forgot patriotism for personal gain." How it is intended to curb such obstruction is not at the moment disclosed, but it is believed that the United States will make an endeavour to rule out such a possibility in the future. A great change has come over war-making in the last generation. Nowadays, when a nation goes to war, it must go as a unit. The soldier is only the spear-head of its effort. Behind him all the wealth and industry of the nation must be united. This is because the scope of modern war has broadened so tremendously. In the old days war was carried on chiefly by professional armies, augmented by volunteers. Except for raising prices and a shortage of man-power, a nation's daily life was not very greatly affected by war. Despite all effort, the slogan of "Business as usual" has been found to be impossible when modern war breaks out; every citizen and every institution must be a cog in the war-making machine. It is for that reason that the old, individualistic method of creating and marketing war supplies is obsolete in war time. Individual rights must be over-ridden. Freedom, in the ordinary sense, is suspended for duration of the conflict. That is why some form of government control over the munitions trade is a war-time essential. It is also, when one stops to think about it, the greatest of all arguments against war itself.

NOTES OF THE DAY

GERMAN RESENTMENT

It is easy to understand the German resentment against the Lithuanian Government for sentencing to death those persons who were found guilty of murdering a fellow-conspirator who had turned "state's evidence." Yet, surely, at a time when women are executed for selling information of a military nature to a foreign power, there can be no appalling shock when some foreign court sentences to prison those who plot against the Government. The four persons condemned to die in Lithuania were murderers as well as conspirators. For murder there is a heavy penalty under any flag. The fact that the murderers were also conspirators, plotting to win back to Germany the territory of Memel and the city of that name, brings them the sympathy of the German people. We, too, can sympathise with them in their love for their native land, and their desire to return to it. We do not condone their methods, however; nor do we hold with the policy of violence by which they hoped to attain their ends. That they should pay the penalty of their crime seems reasonable and just. They will not be executed as conspirators, but as murderers.

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BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY

Britain has long recognised that no permanent adjustment of Europe's tension can take place without restoration of Germany to a legitimately equal position, an equality which is admittedly meaningless without the implementation of an adequate measure of armament and a primary voice in diplomatic negotiations. Accusations that the British, in contriving the London Accords, have sought to force the Reich merely to sign on the dotted line, miss the vital point of Downing Street policy. Britain may have been deeply disturbed by successive internal developments in Germany, but it has not departed from the clear recognition that "encirclement", by which is meant a building up of protective alliances about the German borders, will hardly place the Germans in a position where they feel free to undertake real and substantial guarantees to peace. Yet the second aspect of the British policy is a distinct realism. Should the present peace efforts fail because of intransigence, or because of a nationalism which refuses to view continental problems in their broader aspects, Britain is apparently prepared to accept greater responsibilities to solidify the continental peace structure. Distinctly the British preference is for a security system in which Germany can take its place. But failing this, Britain apparently is not in a mood to avoid the consequences of agreements with those nations which are willing to enter a newly stabilised grouping.

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POOR FARMER !

Ten thousand women in California are going on a meat strike. That means they will not buy from the butcher a single ten-cent order of ground steak for a hungry husband nor a scrap of liver for the cat. There will be approximately ten thousand disgruntled households if the strike goes on. The thing has its serious aspect, however. The housewives of the California state generally are amongst the best off in the world to-day so far as cheap necessities are concerned. There are few ports of the world where fruit is cheaper and better. Dairy products have always been moderately priced, and vegetables are too cheap for farmers to bother growing them, except in great bulk. The problem seems to be meat. The complaint is against nothing else for the moment. And yet, not a week ago, we read an advertisement in an American journal offering two pounds of best beef and five pounds of mixed vegetables... all for twenty cents. There are certain cuts, as any housewife knows, which cost more than others. One would not expect to get tenderloin and the choice roasting bits of the rump for the same price one would pay for stewing beef. But a couple of pounds of good red meat and five pounds of vegetables for twenty cents, approximately 40 cents in Hongkong money, seems to us to be a price against which there is very little reason to complain. It seems to us that Californians do not know when they are well off. The housewives suggest that the federal Government do something to help the stock farmers so that they can sell more cheaply. What we know of the cattle business is very little; but it is sufficient for us to appreciate that a reduction of prices for beef on the hoof would be disastrous to the plainsmen of the American and Canadian West. That is not where the profits are going, if profits there be. The housewives of California must look to someone other than the poor farmer to reduce the cost of living. Compared to the farmer's lot, the average household in American cities lives on the threshold of Heaven.

"WE FARMERS MUST HAVE TARIFFS"

By J. F. WRIGHT
(Secretary, Norfolk Branch of the National Farmers' Union)

In calling for a general tariff on all agricultural produce, Mr. Wright, who farms extensively in South-East Norfolk, points out that marketing boards give little or no protection against cheap imports. Yet recently the announcement is made that the establishment of still another board —for marketing eggs and poultry—is officially recommended.

DURING the last year or two home agriculture has been floundering in a tangle of quotas and subsidies which have done nothing towards the essential need of permanent economic stability. The formation of Marketing Boards for milk and bacon pigs, with little or no protection against the menace of cheap imports, has brought no improvement in the financial returns for these products.

There is therefore little cause for wonder that responsible agricultural opinion—which has never really wavered but which has been willing to give the Government's policy a "try-out"—has again turned to the simple and sane alternative of tariffs as a means of establishing the farmer's right to the first position in the home market.

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The present policy is enmeshing farmers in a maze of regulations, and actually is heading towards restriction of production, the mere contemplation of which is arousing a storm of resentment, and the enforcement of which would be entirely opposed to national interests.

Here we are, with an army of unemployed, still importing foodstuffs to the value of over £250,000,000 yearly, and yet talking about producing less at home, involving more unemployment here and the paying of more money to workers in other countries.

It is utterly wrong. We must produce to the maximum; we must find work on the land and a living wage for many more men.

How is it to be done? Not by regulating and harassing home farmers, and giving to foreign countries quotas which are disregarded and which still leave our markets flooded with competitive imports, often dumped here at values far below the prices at which they are sold in the country of production.

Not by a policy of subsidies. The disastrous crashing of prices has forced farmers to accept aid in whatever form the Government has offered it. But they hate being on the dole, and they know perfectly well that the country will not continue to spoon-feed agriculture.

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They argue thus: The land of this country ought to produce as much as it will grow. If we were free agents we might be able to struggle along. But Parliament has fixed our main cost of production—wages—and therefore we cannot compete with countries where every cost is lower, or with those whose Governments subsidise exports. If we are to continue to produce we must be protected against unfair competition.

Now, in my judgment, the policy of the National Government is failing. The general level of agricultural prices is lower than it was when the Government took office (some products are below their pre-war value) while costs have risen since 1931.

It is obvious that unless the Government alter their ways and drastically cut the imports of the foodstuffs which are keeping home production values below cost, the intricate system of marketing which farmers have been gulled into accepting, and for which they are being heavily levied, will not bring about an improvement. But the Government have tied their own hand with the Ottawa and foreign trade agreements, and while these operate they cannot take effective action.

They are not even doing as much as they could.

Consider the question of butter imports. Empire supplies are unregulated, but the allocations to Denmark and Sweden were based on a total Empire importation of 8,100,000cwt.; in the event of this quantity being exceeded, the countries named were to be allotted a share of the excess.

Knowing the plight of the home dairying industry and the difficulties of the Milk Board, it should have been the business of the Government to ensure that imports were kept below the named quantity.

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It could have been done; but imports in 1934 were 9,702,818cwt., and the excess which might have been kept out was equivalent to more than 420,000,000 gallons of milk.

The quantity of home-produced milk surplus to liquid requirements and used for manufacturing purposes last year was roughly 237,000,000 gallons, and this surplus lowered the price of the whole home output. If the Government had kept butter imports down it would have helped the Milk Marketing Scheme.

Agriculture, the most vital industry in the country, deserves better treatment than it has had. Tariffs are as essential to it as to any other industry, and would operate without the irritating effects which quotas have upon our trade with other countries.

Beef producers particularly are in need of this help. It is an established fact that consumption in this country has declined, yet imports have greatly increased, despite all the efforts to restrict them. Last year we received 634,000 tons—5 per cent. more than in 1933—and even with the aid of the subsidy home prices are only just above the pre-war level.

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These prices are ruinous. Every bullock marketed to-day is losing money either to the breeder or fattener, and in most cases to both. Surely it is time the Government considered anew the

(Continued on Page 7.)

"She's my best friend and I wouldn't say a thing against her, but she is an awful cat."

The Very Idea !

OUR AGONY COLUMN

By Horatio (Love-Lorn) Bogg

"Lone gent, thrown on his own resources on this inhospitable Island of Hongkong, would like to meet young lady with view to congenial friendship for which his wretched soul has always craved." —*H.P.*

"If 'H.B.' is sincere in his representations and cares to give more information about himself, it would give undersigned great pleasure to know him."—*A.D.*

"'A.D.' is very kind to have answered. *Noblesse oblige*, and so it is only fair she should have the information required. My age is well this side of forty, although a bald patch on the crow may seem to belie it. I eat with moderation, but will not refuse a drink. I am perfectly sound in health, not having neglected to take my daily dose of Kruschen salts, and my teeth are intact and the best money can buy. Beside the platonic friendship such as ours will be, I am sure you will agree with me that money is a secondary consideration and so we need not discuss it here."—*H.B.*

"Your letter is so charmingly written that it has made the meeting with you one of pleasurable anticipation for me. Will the Gloucester Lounge at 10.30 on Friday suit? I must confess I shall be awfully disappointed if I do not see you."—*A.D.*—

"Extremely nice of you to have said all that. I shall hold myself responsible for keeping the appointment. I shall be identified by a black suit with roses in the button-hole."—*H.B.*

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And so we went to keep that appointment with a heart that cruelly palpitated. We met her. To say we were pleased by what we saw was to tell a brazen untruth, and to say we were disappointed would be ungallant to the lady. No doubt she would have more reason to say as much of us, and was as much repelled. But having proceeded that far, we felt we could not withdraw with honour.

From that moment we hated each other, and we knew it. Only, if that were possible, we hated her more than she did us, this because we both knew it was within her power to have considered our feelings and freed us from an irksome contract.

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For the sixth time that day, The Thing had rung us up. We cursed softly. "Shall I see you to-day?" she asked with the privilege of a twenty-four hours' friendship.

We prayed in our heart of hearts that she would not, only we did not say so, and muttered something about work. But she was insistent.

"Well, make it 9 p.m. then," we snarled.

"What am I to do with myself in the meantime?" she demanded.

We dam-well know what we would want her to do. The mildest thing we would be wanting her to do would be to remove herself the farthest sphere from our existence, but there, again, we were too dumb to say it.

"Go to the pictures," we suggested, this very weakly.

"I may do that, but I have a grand idea. There is a cheap sale at the—Silk Store, and I do need so many things, dear. We can take that sale in with the pictures."

"So we can, and no doubt, we shall also have time to take in the tea dance at the Roof Garden, dinner in the Grillroom, and the Charity Ball afterwards at the Peninsula."

There are occasions when one is mad enough to turn the dagger in a self-inflicted wound. This was one of those occasions.

"How thoughtful of you darling," The Thing gurgled. Then, anxiously, "Are you sure we can go to all that and have time left for supper afterwards?"

"Of course we can, but we are not going to!" we replied.

"What do you mean? Think of the glorious time we both will be having."

"I am not insensible to your way of thinking, young lady, but—"

"But what?"

"—it was congenial companionship for which I had bargained, before you got me in on these unending round of engagements and pleasures."

"And are you not getting it? How ungrateful of you to say you have not."

"Not a bit," we spoke up, the time for polite speaking gone.

"You are no gentleman," The Thing had started to scream over the wire.

"And you are no lady, either," we calmly went on, "You are a gold-digger."

At this point a grating noise came over, indicative of the receiver being replaced with force at the other end of the line.

So ended our first romance.

Simon Reports On Parley

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

AUDIENCE WITH KING

London, March 28.

Responding in the House of Commons to a request from the leader of the Opposition, Mr. George Lansbury, for a statement on his Berlin visit, Sir John Simon, said:

"The House is aware that the visit to Berlin is one of a series of visits of exploration and enquiry now being paid on behalf of His Majesty's Government to various foreign capitals and that when these visits are concluded they will be followed by a meeting at Stresa, North Italy, where I hope to meet Signor Mussolini and Monsieur Laval.

"In these circumstances it will be obviously undesirable to make a full statement as to the position still under investigation. Unauthorised speculations, such as have appeared in some quarters, should be disregarded. I may say, however, that in the course of the two days' conversation with Herr Hitler the European problem in relation to Germany was reviewed and all topics mentioned in the London communique of February 3 were brought under discussion.

OPINIONS DIFFER

"Considerable divergence of opinion between the two Governments was revealed by the conversations, but the result of the meeting was undoubtedly valuable, in that both sides were able clearly to understand their respective points of view—a process indispensable to any further progress."

Asked if any of the conversations that had taken place, or would take place within the next ten or eleven days, would alter the position of the Stresa Conference, or had a conference been definitely arranged between the three former allied powers, Sir John Simon replied tha the Stresa meeting was for the three powers mentioned and he did not think it was possible for him, or anybody, to speculate as to what would be the possible events after that.

Sir John Simon was received in an audience by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day. He spent three quarters of an hour in the private apartments of His Majesty talking with His Majesty. It is understood he discussed with the King the conversations he had in Berlin.—*British Wireless.*

"RESOLUTE" HERE ON TOUR

NOTED PASSENGERS ON BOARD

With over 300 passengers aboard, the luxurious Hamburg-Amerika liner arrived in Hongkong this morning on her 14th annual round-the-world tour, and berthed at the Kowloon wharves. Of the tourists, 194 are Americans and 97 Germans, the remainder comprising French, British, Italian, Swiss, Spanish, Argentinian, Rumanian, Uruguayan, Portuguese, Czecho-Slovakian and Hungarian citizens.

Members of the European nobility on board include the following:—Duke Ludwig, of Bavaria, accompanied by the Duchess; Prince Adolf von Schaumburg-Lippe, of Bueckeburg, and the Princess; Baron Eitel Friedrich Schilling von Cannstatt, of Berlin; Baron Oscar von der Lancken-Wagnitz, of Berlin; Prince Rudolf Hohenlohe-Langenburg, and the Princess Anna; Baron Joachim von Finck, of Noethnitz, near Dresden; Baron Friedrich von Diergardt, of Leverkusen; and Count von Pfeil, of Adelsdorf, and the Countess.

The Resolute is already a familiar ship in these waters. She has made 13 previous cruises around the world; but this time she appears in a new dress. The black coat of paint covering her hull has been removed and the is now glistening white all over.

VETERAN SKIPPER

The man who is taking her on this great cruise is Commodore Fritz Kruse, who has made 13 previous round-the-world cruises on this famous liner.

He is a veteran navigator and has several times distinguished himself in unforeseen circumstances on the high seas. It will be recalled that while in command of the transatlantic liner New York in December last year he directed the rescue of the 16 men aboard the disabled Norwegian freighter Sisto in a gale.

HONGKONG SINGERS' SUCCESS

Fine Rendition Of "Elijah"

Mendelssohn's exquisite oratorio, "Elijah," can still attract huge audiences the whole world over, as was typified last night when St. John's Cathedral was practically filled to hear the Hongkong Singers render this work.

In the hands of such a competent choir and sympathetic soloists the work lost none of its magnificence and beauty. Several of Mendelssohn's passages in this oratorio are the most emotional compositions in all of the many sacred cantatas. To obtain their full meaning and to reveal their profound muscianship demands a technique and quality of singing of the highest degree. This was provided by the Hongkong Singers who can regard this as their most successful public performance to date.

EXTRAORDINARLY SINCERE

The rendition was by no means perfect, but it was extraordinarily sincere. One felt the necessity for a little more verve among the sopranos both in the chorus work and in some of the solos. In an effort to give the fullest emphasis to the *pianissimo* phrases there was a tendency to be a little too restrained, thereby losing some of the wonderful harmonic effects of the composition.

Brief though it was, the finest work of the chorus was in "He that shall endure to the end shall be saved." The voices harmonised with glorious effect and the singing was outstandingly expressive.

The important solo work of Elijah was taken by the Rev. W. H. Baines and it is not exaggerating to state that no other local baritone could have sung the difficult recitatives and airs with a greater depth of feeling. He captured the spirit of the composer in the scornful denunciation of the Priests of Baal, and he succeeded in expressing the complete hopelessness of the prophet in his prayer to God to take away his life. Apart from Mr. Baines' moving expression, his voice was full of tonal quality and Hongkong will impatiently await further appearances in these sacred works.

"O REST IN THE LORD"

Mrs. F. T. Portallion sang her passages beautifully especially the famous and much loved "O Rest in the Lord." The soprano solos were very effectively taken by Mrs. D. Snowdon-Jones and Mrs. J. Anderson-Miller, while Mr. J. A. Kennedy found the restrained type of music admirably suited to his voice.

The double quartettes were exceedingly well sung, noteworthy among them being the delicious "O Come everyone that thirsteth." These were handled by Mrs. Anderson-Miller, Mrs. E. St. G. Kirke, Miss B. M. Bicheno, Mrs. W. Sinclair, Mr. H. Anniss, Mr. J. A. Kennedy, Rev. Cyril Brown, Capt. O. P. Joce and Mr. L. Peckham.

Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., was at the organ and Mr. J. Anderson Miller, L.R.A.M., guided the chorus through the intricate movements with a baton full of sympathy and understanding.

The large congregation joined in singing the hymn "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" before the start of the oratorio, and at the conclusion Bishop Hall offered prayer and gave the Blessing. A retiring collection was made on behalf of the Hongkong Benevolent Society.—S.A.G.

"WE FARMERS MUST HAVE TARIFFS"

(*Continued from Page 6.*)

necessity of implementing a tariff policy!

The supreme need of the home farmer is a general tariff on all agricultural produce, adjustable to meet currency changes and internal subsidies, with preferential rates for Dominions' products, and foreign foodstuffs taxed to as high a level as may be necessary to keep them in the third place.

I ask my city friends not to look upon this article as the view of a selfish farmer. This policy is definitely good business for the nation as a whole. Home agriculture working at full capacity could create at least £300,000,000 of new wealth every year.

One case of Small-pox and two cases of Typhoid were reported to the local Health authorities on Wednesday.

His Excellency Sir William Peel will preside at the sixth and last meeting of the English Association, which will be held in the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2. His Honour the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, will speak on "The Function of Law in Society."

Hauptmann's Appeal Set

WILL BE HEARD IN LATE JUNE

Trenton, N.J., March 28.

Bruno Hauptmann's appeal will be heard on June 20, according to an announcement made to-day.

Hauptmann, condemned to die in the electric chair for the murder of the infant son of Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, is still housed in the death cells here, within sight of the door of the execution chamber, through which he has seen a dozen condemned taken already during his incarceration.—*Reuter.*

B.B.C.'S NEW CHAIRMAN

LORD BRIDGEMAN APPOINTED

London, March 28.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons that Viscount Bridgeman had been appointed Chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation in place of Mr. J. H. Whitley, who died last month.

Lord Bridgeman has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Corporation since 1933.

Mr. H. A. L. Fisher has now been appointed to the vacancy on the Board. Mr. Fisher is Warden of New College, Oxford. He was Minister of Education from 1916 to 1922.—*British Wireless.*

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT

TALENTED AMATEURS AT THE S. AND S.

To introduce good music into the lives of people with moderate means is one part of the Methodist Church's policy in building large central halls all over England. The fact that the sixpenny celebrity concerts in these halls are crowded every Saturday night in the winter belies the fallacy that first-class concerts are not popular.

The Sailors' and Soldiers' Home (known to the Services as "The S. and S."), built by the same Church for member of any or no denomination, pursues the same policy in its musical entertainments in Hongkong.

The programme of Mrs. E. Snowden Jones' concert, held on Wednesday evening, illustrates the claim.

The concert opened with two quartets, "A Strange Adventure" and "A Wooer went a-Wooing" by Mrs. Snowdon Jones, Mrs. N. Mathieson, Mr. H. G. Anniss and Dr. L. T. Ride.

Robert Herrick's "To Daffodils" (Donald Ford), with "A Piper" and "Ships of Arcady" (both Michael Head), and "Arrogant Poppies" (Armstrong Gibbs) were Mrs. Snowdon Jones' solos.

Mrs. Mathieson sang, "Go from my Window, Go" (arr. Arthur Somervell), "An Eriskay Love Lilt" (Hebridean), "Coucou" (P. J. O'Hara), "Still as the Night" (Bohm), "The Cherry Tree Doth Bloom" (Alma Goatley), and "Love's Philosophy" (Roger Quilter).

The same two artistes then combined in the duets, "The Whirling of the Spinning Wheel" (Hadyn) and "I know a Bank" (Martin Shaw).

Baritone solos by Dr. L. T. Ride were "The Kerry Dance" (Molloy, "Old Mother Hubbard" (Hely-Hutchinson), "Requiem" (Homer) and "Rolling down to Rio" (German).

Mr. H. G. Anniss (tenor) sang "Thank God for a Garden" (Del Reigo), and "Pluck this Little Flower" (Landon Ronald).

Violin solos by Miss Ezekiel were "Rondino" (Beethoven-Kreisler), "Canzonetto" (Sammatini-Corte), "Bouree'" (Sammons), "Berceuse" (Faure), "Rigaudon" (Handel) and "From the Cane Brake" (S. Gardiner).

The concluding items were a trio, "A Man who would Woo a Maid" and a quartet, "A Regular Royal Queen."

The accompanying was shared by Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs and Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L.

It was a delightful concert, as was well attested by the keen appreciation of the audience.

The whist drive held on Monday in aid of the Shekiung lepers realised $34.50 Another whist drive, for the same cause, is to be held on Monday, April 1, in St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road. By the kindness of the Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, the launch Dayspring will leave the Kowloon Police Pier at 8.15 p.m. to transport patrons of the drive to Hongkong, and leave Blake Pier at 11.30 p.m. to take them back to Kowloon. The whist drive will commence at 9 p.m.

HOME-COMING OF PRINCE

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER HEARTILY CHEERED

London, Mar. 28.

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester received a hearty welcome home today on returning from his long Empire tour.

H.M.A.S. Australia was escorted to Portsmouth by destroyers and flying boats, and all ships in harbour were dressed overall, while the Royal Salute was fired as the Australia proceeded through Spithead.

The Duke's two brothers, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, went aboard and were the first of many to greet him.

After a civic ceremony, the three brothers left in a Royal train and when it arrived at Victoria the King and Queen and many other members of the Royal Family, the Australia Premier, Mr. Lyons, and many Ministers were awaiting the Duke.

After greetinga had been exchanged, Their Majesties returned by direct route to Buckingham Palace, while the Duke, accompanied by a captain's escort of the Life Guards, drove to the Palace by way of Victoria Street and the Horse Guards Parade at the Mall; in order that the waiting crowds could give him a welcome. He was cordially cheered all the way.—*British Wireless.*

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with *Reuter.*

	Mar. 27.	Mar. 28.
British Government Securities		
War Loan 3½% redm. after 1932	£105⅞	£105¼
Chinese Bonds		
4½% Bonds 1898 (Eng. Iss.)	£100¼	£100¼
4½% Loan 1908	£ 99	£ 99
5% Loan 1912	£ 89	£ 89
5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Iss.)	£ 96½	£ 96¾
5% Bonds 1925-47	£ 96½	£ 96½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	£ 81¾	£ 81¾
5% Tient.-Pukow Rly.	£ 33	£ 33
5% Tient.-Pukow Railway (Supl. Loan)	£ 28	£ 28
5% S'hai-H'chow-Ningpo Rly.	£101	£101
5% Honan Rly.	£ 31½	£ 31½
5% Hukuang Rly. 1911	£ 44½	£ 44
5% Lung Tsing U. Hai Rly. 1913	£ 18	£ 17½
Foreign Bonds and Banks		
German 7% Int. Loan 1924	£ 68	£ 68½
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1907	£ 76½	£ 76¼
Japan 6% Sterling Loan 1924	£ 90½	£ 90½
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Regd.)	£125½	£126½
Chartered Bank £5 sh.	£ 14¾	£ 14¾
Commercial and Industrial		
Allied Iron Founders	36/3	36/-
Associated Elec. Industries	24/6	24/9
Austin Motors ord. sh.	44/3	44/-
Boots 5/- sh.	47/3	47/-
British - American Tobacco	111/10½	111/3
Canadian Celanese	77/1½	76/3
Chinese Eng. and Min. (Bearer)	17/-	16/3
Courtaulds	49/9	49/6
Distillers	89/7½	89/3
Dunlop Rubber	48/6	47/6
Electric Musical Industries	28/3	27/6
General Electric (England)	47/9	47/9
Impl. Chem. Ind.	36/1½	35/6
Impl. Chem. Ind. Def. 10/- sh.	9/-	8/9
Impl. Tobacco	131/10½	131/3
Internat. Nickel no par val	$ 24¾	$ 24¾
Rolls Royce £1 sh.	101/6	100/9
S'hai Elec. Constr.	47/6	47/6
Tate & Lyle	99/9	99/9
Turner & Newall	52/6	52/-
United Steel	25/4½	25/3
Watney, Combe & Reid def. ord.	65/6	66/-
Woolworths 5/- sh.	103/-	103/-
Miscellaneous		
Anglo-Dutch	21/6	21/3
Chartd. 15/- sh. (Bearer)	21/3	21/-
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/-	20/3
Pekin Synd. 2/- ord. sh.	1/6	1/6
Rubber Trusts	30/6	29/9
Southern Railway (Deferred)	£ 22	£ 21¾
Mines		
Burma Corpn. Rs. 10	29/3	29/1½
Chosen Corpn.	25/-	25/-
Crown Mines	280/-	276/3
Randfontein Estates	57/3	56/6
Spring Mines	102/6	101/3
Sub-Nigel	280/-	276/3
Rhokana Corporation	97/6	100/-
Oils		
Anglo-Persian	48/9	48/9
Burma Oil	73/1½	72/6
Shell Trans. and Trad. (Bearer)	48/9	50/-

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of Grand National From Daventry

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7 pm. Stock Quotations.

7.03-8 p.m. Programme of records kindly loaned by a listener.

Songs—My old Kentucky home.
Songs—Ol' Man River ("Showboat"). Paul Robeson (Bass).
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Orchestra—Blue Danube—Waltz (J. Strauss).
Humorous—They're always together.
Humorous—The Vegetable Blues. Frank Crumit.
Orchestra—Noel Coward Medley.
Humorous—The Pensioner. William McCulloch.
Fox Trot—Out of nowhere.
Fox Trot—Thank you most sincerely.
Humorous—I miss a little miss.
Humorous—Three little words. Frank Crumit.
Fox Trot—Laughing Marionette.
Fox Trot—Rag Doll.

8 p.m. Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.15 p.m. Talk on "Flower Day for the Society for the Protection of Children" by Mr. G. P. de Martin.

8.15-8.30 p.m Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

1. St. Louis Blues; Some of these days.
2. Dinah; After You've gone; Nobody's Sweetheart.
3. Sweet sue just you; Heebies Jeebies; I wonder where my baby is to-night.
4. Fox Trot Medley.

8.30-9 p.m. Relay from Daventry. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall.

9-9.45 p.m. From the Studio.
Mrs. R. Sanger—Soprano.
Madame H. Arnold—'Cello.
Mrs. G. W. Griggs—Pianoforte.

Programme.

1. Songs: Richard Strauss.
Dream in the Twilight.
Crown of my heart.
Serenade. Mrs. R. Sanger.
2. Sonata in A Minor. Caix d'Hervelaix (1670-12).
(a) Preludio.
(b) Gavotte.
(c) Papillon.
(d) Minuet.
Madame H. Arnold and Mrs. G. W. Griggs.
3. Songs:
The Star .... Rogers.
April .... Rogers.
Birthday Song ...... Huntingdon-Woodman.
Mrs. R. Sanger.

9.45 p.m. Press - Bulletins, Stock Quotations.

9.50-10.20 p.m. The entire musical numbers from "He Wanted Adventure" with Bobby Howes, Judy Gunn, Marie Burke, Raymond Newell, Wylie Watson, Theatre Chorus and Orchestra.

10.20-10.30 p.m. A Venetian Barcarolle—Serenade (arr. Willoughby). The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.

10.35 p.m. Relay from Daventry.

10.45 p.m. The Grand National. A Running Commentary by R. C. Lyle and W. Hobbiss, Relayed from Aintree, near Liverpool.

11.30 p.m. (Approx:). Close Down.

ZEESEN PROGRAMMES

This Evening's Broadcast From The German Short-Wavers

Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeesen as follows:

SOUTH ASIA ZONE

South Asia Zone, broadcast from DJB, (19.74 metres) and DJN (31.45 metres).

4.45 p.m. DJB, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.) German Folk Song Programme Forecast (Germ., Engl.)
5 p.m. Short Concert.
5.30 p.m. News in English.
5.45 p.m. Relayed from Hamburg: Selections from the Operetta "Clivia."
6.45 p.m. News in German.
7 p.m. Concert of Light Music.
8 p.m. News in English.
8.15 p.m. Close down DJB, DJN (Germ., Engl.)

EAST ASIA ZONE

East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 31.38 metres, and DJN (31.45 metres).

9 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.) German Folk Song. (Programme Forecast (Germ., Engl.)
9.15 p.m. Woman's Hour, "Cradle Songs."
9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
10 p.m. Relayed from Hamburg: "Clivia." Selections from the Operetta composed by Dostal.
11 p.m. Topical Talk.
11.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.
11.30 p.m. Hops and Malt—God bless 'em! A Radio Sequence by Gustav Adolf Litteck.
12.15 a.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJN (Germ., Engl.)

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

To-morrow's Broadcasting From Four Transmissions

The following wave-lengths and frequencies are observed by Daventry.

Call Sign	Frequency		Wavelength	
GSA	6,050	k.c.	49.59	metres
GSB	9,510	k.c.	31.55	metres
GSC	9,585	k.c.	31.30	metres
GSD	11,750	k.c.	25.53	metres
GSE	11,865	k.c.	25.28	metres
GSF	15,140	k.c.	19.82	metres
GSG	17,790	k.c.	16.86	metres
GSH	21,470	k.c.	13.97	metres
GSI	15,260	k.c.	19.66	metres
GSJ	21,540	k.c.	13.93	metres

Transmission 5

(G.S.C. and G.S.A.)

7 a.m. Big Ben. A Light Symphony Concert. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra.
Greenwich Time Signal at 12 Midnight.
8.15 a.m. Talk: "Northern Voyage."
8.30 a.m. Nora Savage and Joy Worth on their own for fifteen minutes.
8.45 a.m. The News.
9 a.m. Close down.

Transmission 2

(G.S.F. and G.S.C.)

7 p.m. Big Ben. Reginald New, at the Organ of the Regal, Kingston-on-Thames.
7.30 p.m. "In the Shadow."
Greenwich Time Signal at 12 Noon.
8.10 p.m. The Trocadero Cinema Orchestra.
8.30 p.m. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
9.15 p.m. Friday Midday Concert.
9.40 p.m. The News and Announcements.
10 p.m. Close down.

Transmission 3

(G.S.F., G.S.E. and G.S.D.)

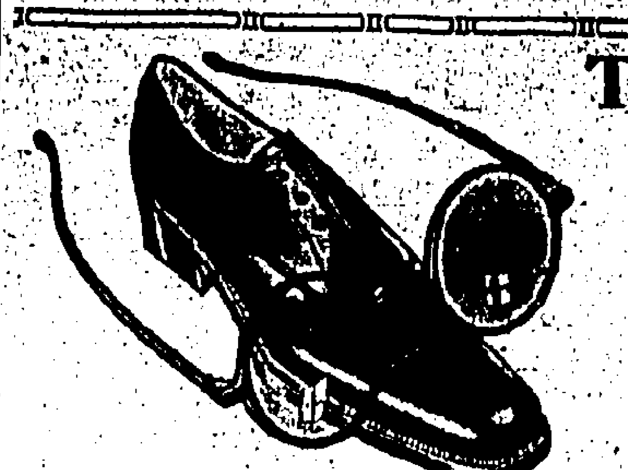
10.35 p.m. Big Ben. "From one instrument to another."
10.45 p.m. The Grand National.
11.30 p.m. The Band of the Royal Engineers. Relayed from the Wigmore Hall, London.
Greenwich Time Signal at 4 p.m.
12 a.m. Talk: "Music and the Ordinary Listener." Sir Walford Davies.
12.20 a.m. British Celebrity Singers.
12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements.
12.50 a.m. The Hotel Metropole Orchestra.
1.15 a.m. The New Georgian Trio.
1.45 a.m. Close down.

Transmission 4

(G.S.D. and G.S.B.)

2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.
2.15 a.m. The Grand National.
2.50 a.m. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
Greenwich Time Signal at 7 p.m.
3.30 a.m. From the London Theatre.
3.50 a.m. The B.B.C. Orchestra (Section D).
Greenwich Time Signal at 8 p.m.
4.45 a.m. Talk: "Northern Voyage." An account of a year's journey from Greenland to Alaska. By Isobel Hutchison.
5 a.m. Interlude.
5.10 a.m. Soft Lights and Sweet Music.
5.30 a.m. B.B.C. Chamber Concert.
6 a.m. The News and Announcements.
6.30 a.m. The Leslie Bridgewater Quintet.
6.45 a.m. Close down.

TAKING THE LONG VIEW



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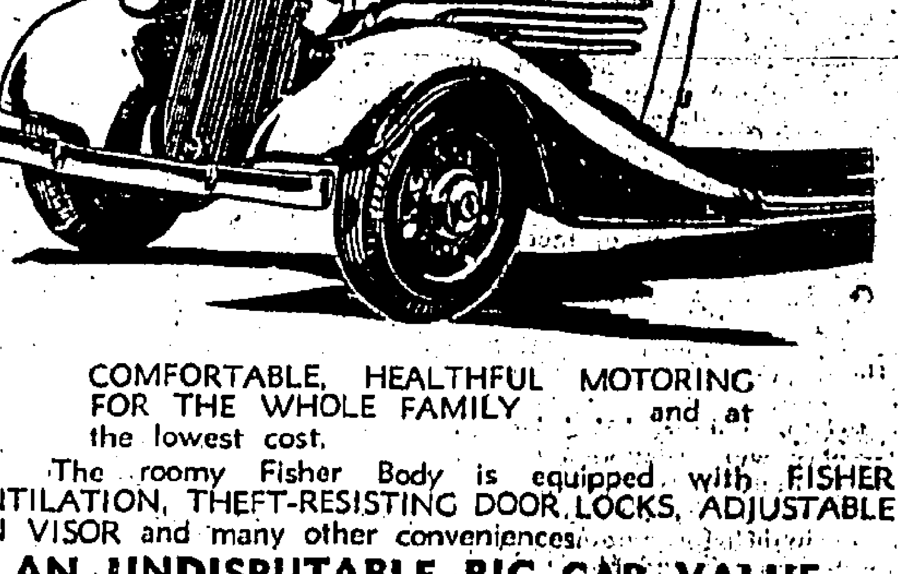

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HONGKONG'S OFFICIAL RANKING LIST FOR 1934

LEE WAI TONG AS MENTOR

Gives Fincher Lesson In Tennis Courtcraft

WINS BRILLIANTLY IN CHAMPIONSHIP

(By "Veritas")

Lee Wai-tong touched peak form to dispose of Teddy Fincher in the third round of the open singles championship on the stand court yesterday. There was nothing fluky about Lee's win obtained in straight sets with the loss of four games. He not only outpointed the K. C. C. champion but gave him a lesson in tactical tennis and court-craft.

Critics do not like to admit being surprised, but I must confess I was genuinely astonished at Lee's highly polished display. He didn't play Fincher on Fincher's reputation, but on his merits, and it cannot be said that Teddy's merits were particularly prominent.

I was vividly reminded of Fincher's match last year with Tam Yoc-fong, when the Hanoi youngster walked round his experienced opponent and lured him into committing the most atrocious blunders.

Lee did the same thing yesterday. Varied pace and direction skilfully disguised had Fincher tied up in knots and forced him into last minute shots which generally found the net or cleared the baselines.

WHY FINCHER PLAYED BADLY

That Fincher was several degrees below normal form can be made as a statement of fact; but the reason for this was chiefly Lee Wai-tong, who took such a firm grip on the game from the start that he was able to dictate terms throughout. Fincher's errors and his generally undistinguished play were reactions, not so much to his own temperament, as to Lee's brilliant tactics.

It is doubtful whether Lee Wai-tong has ever before played quite so well, and his performance was all the more meritorious in that conditions were far from pleasant. The light was shocking and the court, although playing quite true, was soft and nullified driving.

One could not discern a single weakness in Lee's stroke equipment. His shots were produced without effort and his anticipation so keen that he always appeared to have plenty of time in which to make the strokes.

He supported good length cut drives on both hands with some perfectly placed drop shots both off the ground and on the volley. His volleying, in fact, was the biggest surprise. He obtained a wonderful angle on most of the shots and tucked away Fincher's drives down the lines with the greatest of ease. His strong top-spin service was a big asset for it continually forced Fincher out of the court and permitted Lee to take the net for a winning coup on the volley.

TACIT ADMISSION OF DEFEAT

On such form Lee is going to be a very worthy opponent for S. A. Rumjahn and their quarter-final match should offer some high-spot tennis.

Before the first set had finished Fincher had tacitly admitted Lee's superiority by his own casual efforts. He was quite unable to anticipate Lee's short shots, and being continually outpositioned had the effect of demoralising Fincher's strokes. For instance his service apart from the second game of the first set was unusually ineffective and off the ground he mistimed so persistently that he put a succession of balls outside of the court.

Further evidence of Fincher's loss of confidence was to be seen in his net work. He made mistakes which rarely appear in his game and when he did clear the net he could not get the ball away, but found Lee returning the shots with interest.

It was Fincher at his unhappiest.

Unexpectedly easy successes were also gained in the two other third round matches played on outside courts.

RICKETTS WINS IN CANTER

G.R.M. Ricketts had Y. W. Lee, a promising player at his mercy right through and won in a canter 6-0, 6-1. Lee tried to force the game by raiding the net, but he timed his advances very badly and Ricketts' neat passing shots beat the C.R.C. player every time.

Ricketts had so much in hand in this match that it was difficult to tell exactly how strong he is at the moment, but it certainly looks as though he is going to figure in the semi-final again this year.

Well as Leonard played against Liang yesterday, I doubt if he will be able to withstand the more consistent and faster Ricketts.

Leonard won with ridiculous ease against Liang. The Chinese did practically nothing else but net the ball, his ground strokes completely deserting him. Nevertheless it is to Leonard's credit that he played his best game of the tournament to date. He found he could beat Liang quite well from the baseline, his driving on both hands being strong and wonderfully accurate. The play never reached dazzling heights, but Leonard certainly came out with full honours and it would be foolish to deny his chances of making the semi-final.

Full scores of the th ee matches were:—

OPEN SINGLES

Third Round

Lee Wai-tong beat E. C. Fincher 6-1, 6-3
G.R.M. Ricketts beat Y. W. Lee 6-0, 6-1
J. W. Leonard beat S. W. Liang 6-1, 6-1.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tam Yoc-fong ranked No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in the official L.T.A. ranking list issued to-day.

H. E. TO ATTEND TENNIS

EXHIBITION AT H.K.C.C.

Japanese Players Arrive

His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel) has announced his intention of being present at to-day's exhibition tennis on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club, when the two Japanese Davis Cup players, Hideo Nishimura and Jiro Yamagishi will appear.

The visitors arrived by the N.Y.K. Haruna Maru at daylight this morning. Both are feeling very fit and are eagerly anticipating to-day's game. They have expressed their willingness to play according to the schedule mapped out by the Lawn Tennis Association which is as follows:

At 4.15, Yamagishi and E. C. Fincher v. Nishimura and Tsui Wai-pui (one set), followed by Yamagishi v. Nishimura (two sets), and

Yamagishi and Nishimura v. S.A. and H.D. Rumbjahn (best of three sets).

There are still a certain number of reserved seats which can be booked before 3 o'clock to-day. The booking plan is at Messrs. Moutrie, and seats are $1 including tax.

L.T.A. ANNUAL MEETING

POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY.

It is announced by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association thatowing to unforseen circumstances it is now impossible to hold the Annual Meeting of the Association on Tuesday next as arranged.

The meeting will now take place in the Sports Club, King's Building, on Thursday next, April 4, at 5.30 p.m., when the President (Mr. Justice Lindsell) will be in the chair.

Manila, Mar. 28.

Senor Regino, Secretary of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation and Senor Yianan, Treasurer, sailed by the Cordillera for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan, to arrange various international competitions on behalf of Filipino Teams.—*United Press.*

LEADING POSITIONS CHANGE HANDS

MRS. KAYLL AND TSUI WAI PUI HEAD THE LISTS

(By "Veritas")

The official ranking lists of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association issued to-day finds two new names at the head of the men's and women's rankings.

Tsui Wai-pui by virtue of winning the singles title of the Colony last year tops the men's list and Mrs. Kayll, present ladies' champion is given No. 1 position.

Several new names appear in both lists, while quite a number of players ranked last year have moved up in the cock, **ranked** lists.

Mrs. Kayll

In the ladies, Miss R. Hancock, ranked fifth a year ago now earns second place, while Miss Madge Griffiths, 1934 runner-up in the singles championship advances from No. 7 to joint No. 3 with Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu. Mrs. Litton, Mrs. Tottenham, Mrs. Lewis Bryan and Miss Olive Dalziel do not appear in the current list, but Miss Alison Mackenzie, the K.C.C. player is given No. 6 position. Both Mrs. Litton and Mrs. Wilson appear under the heading of "Insufficient Data".

Tsui Wai-pui and Tam Yoc-fong, having last year contested the final of the open singles naturally occupy the first and second position respectively. Tam deserves his promotion from No. 10 to No. 2 by reason of his performances in the open championships, when he beat in turn E. C. Fincher, Lai Kwong-tsun and Ho Ka-lau.

Ho Ka-lau, another local ranking player who figures prominently in the current list.

Lai Kwong-tsun the Canton champion finds a place at No. 5 with Ho Ka-lau on the strength of his defeat of S. A. Rumjahn in the open championship, while G.R.M. Ricketts also figures in the current list at No. 8.

W.A.H. Duff unfortunately had to leave the Colony before the conclusion of the championship and his name appears under "Insufficient Data".

This year's official ranking lists are appended, the figures in brackets indicating their rankings last year.

MEN

1. Tsui Wai-pui (2)
2. Tam Yoc-fong (10)
3. S. A. Rumjahn (1)
   H. D. Rumjahn (3)
5. Ho Ka-lau (3)
   Lai Kwong-tsun (—)
7. E. C. Fincher (4)
8. G.R.M. Ricketts (—)
9. M. W. Lo (6)
10. L. Goldman (11)
11. W. C. Hung (9)
12. J. W. Leonard (—)
13. Y. Hachiuma (13)
14. Tsui Yun-pui (—)
    A.E.P. Guest (13)

INSUFFICIENT DATA

W.H.A. DUFF

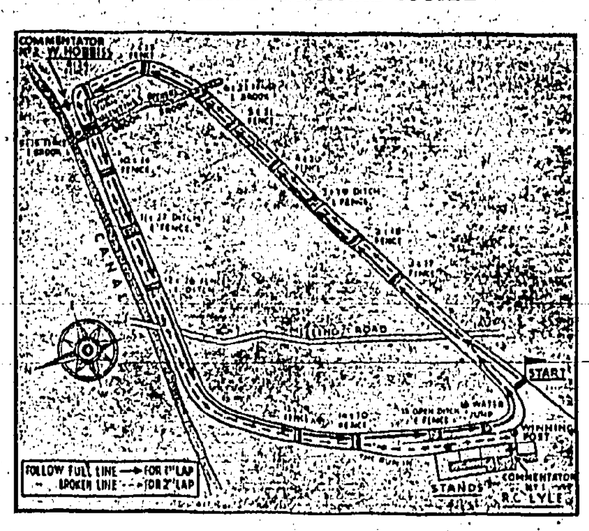
LADIES

1. Mrs. Kayll (—)
2. Miss R. Hancock (5)
3. Miss M. Griffiths (7)
   Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu (4)
5. Mrs. Grimble (4)
6. Miss A. Mackenzie (—)

INSUFFICIENT DATA

Mrs. Litton
Mrs. Wilson.

PLAN OF GRAND NATIONAL COURSE



This is a plan of the course at Aintree near Liverpool, where the Grand National will be run to-day.

Twelfth-Hour National Probable

POWELL TO RIDE SOUTHERN HUE

London, March 28.

A twelfth-hour alteration in the probable starters and jockeys for the Grand National was announced to-day. Powell is expected to ride Southern Hue.—*Reuter.*

FINAL ACCEPTORS

London, March 28.

Final acceptors, and jockeys, for the Grand National to-morrow, were announced to-day as follows:

Golden Miller (Wilson)
Thomond II (Speck)
Royal Ransom (Hamey)
Reynoldstown (Mr. Furlong)
Southern Hero (Fawcus)
Brienz (Kidney)
Really True (Morgan)
Bachelor Prince (O'Grady)
Castle Irwell (Mr. Bostwick)
Allybrack (Mr. Tweedie)
Alexena (Capt. Payne-Gallwey)
Blue Prince (Parvin)
Brave Cry (Mr. Lewis)
Emancipator (Mr. Cazalet)
Fouquet (Brown)
Huicholloa (Mr. Marsh).
Jimmy James (Nicholson)
Lazy Boots (Owen).
Master Orange (Mr. Mildmay)
Princess Mir (Mr. Jackson)
Red Park (Fitzgerald)
Slater (Maxwell)
Southern Hue (McKeever)
Tapinois (Gurney)
Trocadero (Cullinan)
Theresa (Carey)
Uncle Batt (Isaac).

—*Reuter.*

TWO, AND YOU'VE CROSSED THE LINE

—REFEREE

"Aye, & He's Double-Crossed Me !"

—REECE

London, Feb. 26.

Tom Newman and Tom Reece began their heat in the sealed handicap tournament at Thurston's yesterday, and a very entertaining match it should be.

Reece has the idea that he is in the running for the Gold Cup, and he may not be far wrong, for it is certain that he has been given a lavish start.

As the two players were about to string for break Reece remarked to Newman: "I suppose you are a hot favourite—but, after all, Colombo lost the Derby." To which Newman retorted: "Yes, but my name is not Colombo. They won't say 'the favourite is beaten' this week."

Owing to the illness of Charles Chambers the duties of controlling the match have been taken over by Arthur Goundrill, the one-armed referee.

Arthur has a habit of saying, when a player conforms to the baulk-line rule— crossing the baulk-line once in every 200 points—"You have crossed the line, sir." Tom Reece kept on crossing the line every few minutes, and at last he said: "If I keep on crossing the line like this I'll soon be in Australia."

A little later Reece set up a clever safety move, but Newman broke through with a brilliant shot. "Two!" called Goundrill, "and you have crossed the line, sir."

"Aye, and he's double-crossed me," said Reece.

Newman was so tickled that he could not concentrate and broke down at once.

NO RACING AT KWANTI NEXT SUNDAY

Supporters of Kwanti will no doubt be sorry to hear that, owing to a case of Rabies having been discovered among the Army Mules, the meeting fixed for next Sunday has been abandoned.

I understand, however, that the race for the St. John's Ambulance Cup will most probably take place on Saturday, 13th April next, when the race for the Dowbiggin Trophy will also be run.

Tennis Exhibition Dispute

GORDON LUM CENSURED

Objections were raised by the China National Amateur Athletic Federation to the participation by Guy Cheng and Kho Sin-kie, China's representatives for the Davis Cup competition, in the exhibition matches against the Japanese delegates, Nishimura and Yamagishi, at the Cathay Tennis Club last Monday.

Interviewed at the Federation office by a representative of *The Shanghai Sunday Times*, Mr. William Z. L. Sung, general honorary secretary, said.

"The Federation greatly objects to Cheng and Kho playing against the Japanese Davis Cup representatives in exhibition matches. I have not been notified as to the arrangement. This afternoon before I came here, I received a telephone call from Guy Cheng that Mr. Gordon Lum had fixed a match for him (Cheng) on Monday."

"Kho is on his way to Shanghai," continued the C.N.A.A.F. spokesman, "and apparently Mr. Lum has not obtained the consent of him (Kho). It is all irregular."

When seen by *The Shanghai Times* Gordon Lum stated that he had not informed the Federation about the matches owing to pressure of time, but he would do so at the earliest possible moment. With regard to Kho's participation he only presumed that Kho would be glad to get some practice from the Nipponese racket-wielders.

HOME FOOTBALL

BOTTOM OF LEAGUE

WOODEN-SPOON FOR SPURS?

AMAZING DEFEAT BY LEICESTER

London, Mar. 28.

Tottenham Hotspur suffered an extraordinary thrashing in a first division league match when they visited Leicester who were languishing at the bottom of the table and were beaten by six goals to nil.

As a result the Spurs take over the wooden-spoon position, Leicester climbing one position on the strength of a better goal-average. At the same time Leicester can draw further away as they have a game in hand of the Spurs.

This was Tottenham's 18th of the season and so far they have scored but 25 points from 35 matches and have conceded 78 goals.

The London team have only seven more games in which to pull themselves from the relegation zone.

The present records of the last half a dozen teams in the first division read:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Portsmouth ..	34	11	8	15	57	60	30
Wolves	34	11	7	16	69	75	29
Middlesbro' ..	34	8	12	14	59	70	28
Birmingham .	33	11	6	16	45	65	28
Leicester	34	10	5	19	48	72	25
Tottenham ..	35	8	9	18	43	78	25

SIR S. JACKSON TO RETIRE

P. F. Warner Chief Of Selectors ?

It is understood that there will be a change in the chairmanship of the Cricket Selection Committee this year. Last year Sir Stanley Jackson was chairman, but it is unlikely that he will continue during the coming season. Several names have been mentioned, but it is thought that when the Board of Control meet this month to choose the 1935 committee Mr. P. F. Warner will be elected.

LINCOLNS TO PLAY SOUTH CHINA

RE-ARRANGED FIXTURE FOR SUNDAY

Mr. Manning Railton, hon. secretary Hongkong Football Association this morning announces that an additional first division match will be played on Sunday, the Lincolns v. South China "A" game, originally arranged for April 21 having been brought back.

The game will be played at Sookunpoo, kick-off at 4.30.

There is also an alternation in the venue for one of the third division matches on Sunday. The R.E. v R.A.F. encounter will now be played at Chatham Road.

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FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY

Champions v. The Rest Comment; The Resuscitation Of C.S.S.C.

(By R. Abbit)

There was, alas, no cricket on Saturday last, but the one bright spot about it is that it has given me a bit of space to hark back to the week before to several points which I had wished to mention but which were crowded out by lack of space.

In the first place, I think that the side selected to play for the Rest against the H.K.C.C. was a very sound one, always remembering that there were a couple of League matches on.

I have an idea that Richardson was asked but could not get off as he was skippering the C.S.C.C. In any case, on his form this year I doubt if he was worth his place. He has been thoroughly out of luck, and also off form.

We have not yet seen the best of him as a bat, but when the time comes, (if it ever does), that the C.S.C.C. have a batting side and Richardson does not feel that the whole thing rests on his shoulders I fancy he will rise to much greater heights of success.

Of course, Garthwaite would have been in the Rest side but for his League game. Presumably Bonavia and Ballard were also non-releasable men as either of them had a better claim than Walsh, dangerous but though the latter is at times.

I confess I should have liked to see Tinker Lee in the side,—he may have been asked for all I know,— but I don't see how he could have got in unless Madar, who was away most of the season, had stood down for him.

SIGNS OF HOPE

It was interesting to turn out once again for the Civil Service, for whom I played my first match in the first eleven in 1915. Until this season I had played pretty regularly and twenty years is a long time. I mention this in passing, not as a record in any way, for T. E. Pearce and G.R. Sayer, who started before I did, are still going strong and many other local cricketers have played over much longer periods. But nineteen seasons is quite a long time, especially if you played Rugger before you started cricket, and it is lack of new blood from which the Civil Service has suffered.

Until only a season or two ago E. B. Reed, F. J. de Rome, B.D. Evans and A. E. Wood had been turning out year after year, and, in spite of the meaning of the word, a "hardy perennial" cannot bloom on season after season for ever. And, unfortunately, there has been a sad lack of *good* youngsters to follow on.

NEW "PROMISES"

But there are now distinct hopes for the future. R.M. Wood has come on very much as a wicket-keeper and has started to make runs quickly, when he gets going. McLellan will be a great addition to the bowling strength, while he and R. H. Griffiths will do much to stiffen the batting.

The fielding has much improved and I am quite hopeful about the next season. But it would not come amiss if several members of the side *read* a bit of cricket. I personnlly don't know any better chapter on the Art of Fielding than that in Ranji's "Jubilee Book of Cricket."

SUNDAY'S LEAGUE GAME

The I. R. C. came back to their pristine form when they defeated the R.A.M.C. on Sunday last in a Junior Division League Match. V. el Arculli and A. M. Rumjahn put on well over a hundred runs for the fourth wicket and were still undefeated. The declaration at 167 was a sound one and reaped the reward it deserved. The Medicals were out for a hundred and thirty, though Howells (57) Bonavia (28) and Saunders (25) made gallant efforts to save the game. Two run-out tragedies occurred, and probably had a decisive effect on the result of the game.

SIR JULIEN CAHN

The recent visit of Sir Julien Cahn to the Colony was very interesting. A very wealthy man, Sir Julien runs his own cricket team which could give a very good game to most of the first class counties, other than those in the first flight. Robins, Peebles, and many other well known Varsity and first-rank Club cricketers get a chance to play.

The talk of his coming here is most interesting but one cannot possibly consider the question seriously until one knows upon what financial basis the matter rests. Judging from a letter which I have seen in a morning contemporary, I cannot help thinking that the public have a totally erroneous idea of the expense involved in the visit even of a team who pay their own passages, and are merely entertained in the Colony.

I think I am right in saying that, in spite of the fact that practically all the visitors are put up by private individuals here, the expenses of a *triangular* Interport series of games amounts to between two and three thousand.

Moreover owing to various circumstances, there is no possibility of covering a large amount of expenditure by the profits of gate-money. It is possible to charge for admission *to the stands only* on the H.K.C.C. ground, and I am pretty sure that there is a negligible balance left when the cost of erection has been paid for.

In these hard times the question of finance must be considered most carefully, and in many cases those who have given most generously in the past, have been most heavily hit by the depression. It must be remembered too that in all probability there will be an Interport here in November next for which we shall have to make provision. But everyone hopes that some sort of an arrangement may be reached.

THE NOTTS CLUB

Talking of Sir Julien naturally reminds one of the rumpus in the Nottingham Cricket Club. I do not propose to enter into the question of whether Voce was or was not justified in bowling as he did.

But I read all accounts very carefully and what really seems to have got the people's goat was the attempt of the committee to deceive everyone. Had they had the interior—to say that they thought Voce was bowling at the man and stood him down accordingly, their action, though unpopular, would have merited the respect due to decision and honesty.

But to try and fob people off with the yarn that Voce was crocked, and to fail to get away with it—for Voce promptly denied it—was just asking for trouble. And they got it. It precipitated a first class row, and the Committee were, more or less sacked.

However, it seems that a lot of the influential people in the County have identified themselves with the old Committee—chiefly I think because they approved of their attitude towards Voce, yet not of their methods of showing it! Anyway, it seems the opposition have receded from their attitude for the sake of peace, and that a compromise will be reached. In the mean time, I have not seen any cables of protest about Wyatt's broken jaw. He, at least, is not a feather-bed cricketer.

THE WEST INDIES TOUR

And that again reminds me, several people have commented to me on the fact that our team has lost the rubber in the West Indies. It is in no way a soul-shattering occurrence. The team was known to be fairly weak, and one of the great objects was to give some of the younger players experience of big-match cricket. The West Indies have some amazing cricketers. I fancy that Headley, Constantine and Martindale have such ability that would qualify them for a place in either an English or an Australian representative Test team, were it merely a question of skill.

At the same time, I do think that English cricket is not very good at present. I don't mean that there is anything to howl about. If one looks back for a great number of years it is clear that the standard of cricket in all countries over those years is represented by a series of upward and downward curves, and not by a horizontal line. So in the lower curve there is no reason to be depressed, any more than there is to be chesty when on the crest of the curve.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

The game is still wagging here. Craigengower are at home to the I.R.C in their belated Senior League match I fancy Pereira, Minu and Madar will be a bit too good for the Valley side but I would not invest more than ten cents on it.

The other game if there are fully representative sides out — should be most interesting, as Kowloon are at home to H.K.C.C. in a two-day game. In the circumstances it is lucky the Kwanti meeting is off, and I suggest a vote of thanks to whatever gallant member of the garrison bit that mule.

In the Junior Division Police play R.A.M.C. in the League. In not sure if the C.C.C. and I.R.C. reverse game is on or not. Recreio should play the sappers, but I hear this latter side has withdrawn from the League. C.S.C.C. are at home to Queen's College. I also assume the H.K.C.C. II game Vs. R.E. on 31st is off.

In my notes next Friday I hope to outline arrangements for publishing Club records. I have written to the various Secretaries and have to thank the Army for a most prompt reply.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL

Lai Wah Cup Competition Match To-morrow

The Lai Wah Cup Competition match is the chief attraction in local football for the week-end. To-morrow the Army and the Civilians meet on the Kowloon Football Club Ground at 4 p.m.

The full list fixtures for the week-end follows:

TO-MORROW

Lai Wah Cup

Army v. Civilians (Kowloon Football Club Ground), 4 p.m. Referee: C. J. Malyon; Linesmen, F. Archer and A. Ward.

Second Division

South China v. Club (Caroline Hill Ground), 3 p.m. Referee: E. G. Isley.

East Lancashires v. Navy (Sookunpoo Ground), 3 p.m. Referee: W. C. Thwaites.

Royal Arthilery v. Royal Engineers (Military Ground, Happy Valley), 3 p.m. Referee: E. E. Randall.

Lincolns v. University (Military Ground, Happy Valley), 4.30 p.m. Referee: G. Shobbrook.

Eastern v. Chinese Athletic (Athletic Ground), 4.30 p.m. Referee: W. Brierley.

Third Division

Police v. Royal Welch Fusiliers (Railway Ground), 3 p.m. Referee: G. V. Gomes.

Railway R. C. v. Royal Engineers (Railway Ground) 4.30 p.m. Referee: H. R. London.

SUNDAY

First Division

Royal Welch Fusiliers v. Navy (Navy Ground, Causeway Bay), 4.30 p.m. Referee: J. H. Lawrence.

Third Division

Lincolns v. Royal Welch Fusiliers (Sookunpoo) 3 p.m. Referee: N. McPherson.

East Lancashires v. R. A. O. C. (Navy Ground), 3 p.m. Referee: A. Howard.

Royal Engineers v. Royal Air Force (Sookunpoo), 4.30 p.m. Referee: A. J. Hooper.

Police v. Club do Recreio (Kowloon Ground), 3 p.m. Referee: W. R. Reynolds.

Wednesday, April 3

The following first division match is to be played on Wednesday April 3:

St. Joseph's v. Police (Kowloon Ground). 4.45 p.m. Referee: W. C. Thwaites.

Myrna Loy, Walter Connolly and Helen Vinson in Columbia's outstanding success "Broadway Bill" showing from Saturday at the Queen's Theatre.

LAST WEEK'S RACES REVIEWED

SEVERAL UPSETS BUT SOME VERY ENTERTAINING SPORT

(By "Captain Foster")

In spite of the inclement weather, the races at Happy Valley last Saturday afternoon were well patronized, and the prizes in the Cash Sweep well maintained.

Naturally with the course in a heavy state, upsets were many, but, contrary to expectations, no sensational dividend in the "Pari" was paid out, the highest being $60.50 on the ever-green Boxing Eve in the Taiwan Bay Handicap.

The first upset of the afternoon occurred in the opening race, the Commonwealth Handicap, in which Monoplane (Mr. Y. T. Fung) won easly from Jungle Jim (Mr. Liang) and The Tiger (Mr. Frost).

In spite of repeated failures Double Chance (Mr. P. P. Botelho) was made favourite for the Union Plate and confidence in him was not misplaced. He won comfortably by two lengths from The Deemster (Mr. Butler) with High Principle (Mr. Roza) a length further away.

Another favourite, King's Jubilee (Mr. Frost) won the Hongham Bay Handicap by beating Ribble (Mr. Pih) after a very good race by a length and a half. Rose-Queen (Mr. P. P. Botelho) finished third.

SECOND UPSET

The second upset took place in the Roschill Handicap, Snowy River (Mr. Pih) literally ran away with the race and finished most impressively. Woodland Stag (Mr. Frost) was four lengths in the rear to occupy second place, with Mutiny Bay (Mr. Davis) half a length further away. Alacrity was a non-starter.

Propitious Time (Mr. Neugebauer) cleverly won the Dominion Handicap from Invermark (Mr. Pih) and The Chetah (Mr. Frost). This was the second best race seen during the afternoon and the issue was in doubt until about ten yards from the winning post. Sci-Fa ran most prominently and, in my opinion, would have won had he kept a straight course, instead of boring out and finishing under the judge's box.

The Colonial Stakes also produced a thrilling finish, Flirt (Mr. Frost) getting the verdict by a short head from Ythan (Mr. Pih), Soldier of Victory (Mr. Dietz) finished third.

Another fine effort on the part of Mr. Frost on Pontiac Bay saw him win the Empire Handicap by a short head from High Honour (Mr. Roza). Gold Coin (Mr. Deitz) secured the third place, two lengths away.

PICK OF THE DAY

Undoubtedly the best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Mira Bay Stakes. The field consisted of six ponies and we saw an exciting race over the last two furlongs. Hetman (Mr. Butler) appeared to be a spent force at the mile post and King's Fancy (Mr. Frost) seemed to have the race won when, about fifty yards from the winning post, Soldier of China (Mr. Deitz) ranged alongside her. These two then fought, under great pressure, for the lead. Bright View (Mr. Davis)—travelling very fast,—then loomed in the picture with barely twenty yards to go. These three ponies swept past the post almost in a line and no one but the Judge could say which pony had won. The official verdict was

Bright View
King's Fancy
Soldier of China
short head;
short head.

The meeting concluded with the Taiwan Bay Handicap, and this race also produced a close finish. Boxing Eve (Mr. K. W. Fung) just beat Great Hall (Mr. Cheape) by a short head for the first place with partnership (Mr. W. H. Choy) three lengths further away.

BI-ANNUAL RACE NEXT MONTH

The Trevessa Trophy

The R. H. K. Yacht Club have announced that the 23rd. bi-annual race for ships' lifeboats is to be held on Friday, April 12 at 4 p.m. The race is for the Trevessa Trophy.

Any ship which has an agency in Hongkong is eligible to enter one or more boats in the race, provided of course that the ship is in port on that day.

It is requested that all entries be delivered to the Honorary Secretary of the Club by noon on the day of the race and that all boats be at the starting point at Channel Rocks by 3.30 p.m. that day.

Copies of the rules and regulations and a plan of the course will be sent to any company on request.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB.

Owing to a case of Rabies being discovered amongst the Army Mules, the meeting which was to have been held at Kwanti on Sunday, 31st instant, has been postponed to a date which will be announced later, when the St. John's Ambulance Cup will be run for.

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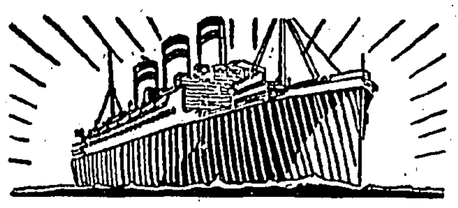

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SILKEN SPINDLES

by Laura Lou Brookman

CHAPTER XXVIII

The crowd shuffled out of the movie theatre, stopping to look at posters announcing next week's show; girls peering to catch a glimpse of themselves in the narrow mirror panels at either side of the entrance, to powder noses and dab on rouge, chattering and laughing; young men who spoke in deeper tones, pausing to light cigarettes and jam hats on firmly. There were older people and some children—a nondescript crowd, the usual patrons of the Strand where pictures were exhibited which, six or eight weeks earlier, had been shown in the larger theatres in the more brightly lighted section of the town.

Steve Meyers looked down on Gale as they stepped out on the sidewalk. "Wasn't such a bad picture, was it?" he asked.

"Oh, I liked it. That girl who was 'Kathy' is a new star, isn't she? I've never seen her before. And didn't she look beautiful—"

The words broke off. A couple—a small girl in a bright red hat and rather dowdy fur coat and a tall youth—had just halted before the glass cage where tickets were sold. Gale heard the girl laugh and turning recognized Ruby Griffith before she saw it was Phil beside her. A moment later the two disappeared inside the theatre.

Steve asked, "What was that you were saying?"

"About the picture? Oh, I don't know—it doesn't matter anyhow. That was Phil with Ruby Griffith. Did you see them?"

"Yes."

They walked in silence for a few moments. Then Steve said, "I wish you wouldn't worry the way you do about Phil."

"How can I help it? You see the sort of company he seems to prefer—Ruby Griffith and her crowd. You know what they're like. And he comes home at all hours of the night and morning. It's only within the last six months or so that he's been like this."

"Worrying isn't going to do any good."

"No, I don't suppose it will. But what can I do, Steve?"

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"Leave him alone. Phil's smart enough to take care of himself. The trouble is you're used to looking out for him. You still think of him as a little boy."

"But he's only 19—"

"That's not so young. It would be a lot better for Phil if you'd give him a chance to stand on his own feet. You do too much for him."

"Maybe you're right."

"Of course I am! You want to do too much for everyone, Gale. You're always forgetting about yourself, trying to do something for someone else."

"But I'm not! I don't do half the things I should."

"I wish you'd let me do them for you."

"Steve—"

"Oh, I'm not going to say any more. I promised I wouldn't and I'll keep that promise. You said you couldn't marry anyone now. But there's one thing I want to ask you. When you were away at school—well, you must have known lots of other fellows. Is there anyone else, Gale?"

"You mean—?"

"Is there anyone else you're in love with?"

Gale was glad she did not have to meet his eyes. She knew exactly how those blue eyes looked. She turned away, surprised that her heart was beating so rapidly. She wished it wouldn't. Steve was waiting for her to answer and there was only one answer to give. You certainly couldn't count a man you'd met only three or four times and then purely by accident, even though he had said, "I like you, Gale Henderson. I like you a lot." You couldn't count a man you were never going to see again—

Gale said, "There's no one else, Steve. No one."

He put a hand on her arm, drew her close. His voice had an edge of huskiness. "Then I can go on hoping," he said. "Oh, Gale, if you only know how I feel about you—!"

"You promised," she reminded him.

"Yes, I know. I promised."

He began talking about something that had happened at the mill. Five minutes later they had reached Gale's home.

"You'll come in, won't you?" she asked.

"Not to-night. Going to be home to-morrow evening?"

"I think so."

"Then I'll drop around."

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They said good night and Gale went inside the house. Her father was in the kitchen, fumbling about an open cupboard.

"Hello," he said. "Thought I'd like a little something hot to drink. Is there some tea here somewhere?"

"In that square box," Gale told him. "But sit down—I'll make it for you."

She filled the kettle and put it over the fire to boil, got out cups and saucers and a loaf of bread.

"Where's Steve?" her father asked.

"He went on."

Her father watched as Gale cut the bread and placed it on a plate, set out butter and a bottle of milk. "You and Steve haven't been having any arguments, have you?" he asked.

"No."

Tom Henderson studied his daughter's face. She was certainly thinner than she had been. He did not say anything more until the tea was made and Gale had poured out two cups and sat down before one of them. Then he said, "I've been thinking about you this evening, Gale. I wish you didn't have to work the way you do."

"Nonsense!"

"It isn't nonsense. It's too much for you, doing all you do at home and working at the mill besides."

"Father, what in the world put such ideas in your head?"

"My own eyes have done it—seeing you look so tired when night comes and growing thinner. I can't help worrying about you, Gale. You ought to be married and settled in your own home. When your mother was your age—"

"But things are different now!"

"I know. But that doesn't make them any better. I've lived my life and some of these days I'm going to be gone."

"Father, please—!"

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"It's better to face things calmly, Gale—better to talk about them. I'm not afraid of dying. A man couldn't be who lives as I do, a burden to the ones he loves. No, I'm not afraid to die, but I wish I could know you were going to be happy and safe. I don't worry about Phil; he's a boy and he can take care of himself. You think you can, too, but there's more to life than you realize. I don't like to leave you with no one to look out for you."

Gale had risen from her chair and slipped an arm around his shoulders. "Don't, father!" she begged. "I can't bear to hear you say such things! You aren't going to leave us—not for a long, long time."

He smiled. "Perhaps not. Still, I'd feel more comfortable to know things were going to be all right for you. I'd rather hoped that you and Steve—" He raised his eyes, letting them finish the question.

"Steve's been an awfully good friend," Gale said. "I'm fond of him. But I don't want to marry anyone, father. Not now. Not for years."

"Well, if it isn't to be Steve I hope it will be someone as worthy. Steve's made of the right stuff. He's a fine young man, Gale."

"I know that. Steve's all you say he is—and more." She did not go on, but stared silently at the floor.

Her father covered her hand with his, pressed it. "Well, we won't talk about it any more to-night," he said. "It's late anyhow. Time to be in bed."

Gale rinsed the cups and wiped them, set the bread and butter away. "He thinks I should marry Steve," she told herself. "He wants me to marry him."

She was sober-faced as she put out the kitchen light and went to her bedroom, sober-faced as she stood before her mirror, brushing her hair. This mood continued throughout the following morning. It was Sunday and the Hendersons ate dinner at 1 o'clock. By 20 minutes past two when Gale had finished putting the last dish back into the cupboard, had wiped her hands and hung away her apron there was a knock on the front door.

Gale hurried to open it. A young man wearing a brown windbreaker jacket and corduroy trousers stood before her. His cap was pulled down over his eyes.

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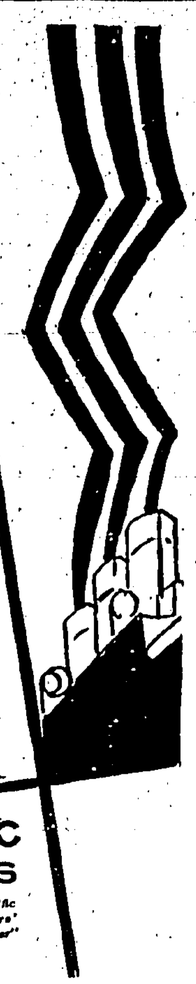

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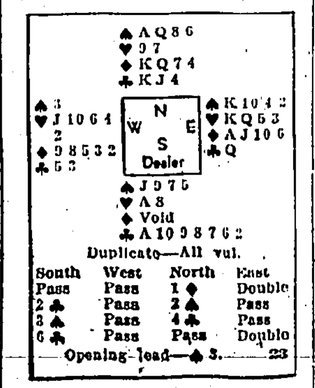

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I am afraid contract whist is too scientific a game. In other words, elimination of the dummy removes the possibility of fine strategic plays, and takes a lot of the excitement out of the game. I know that the better players who have tried the game have not been particularly fascinated by it.

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So he must go right up with the ace in dummy and then cash the king of clubs, being careful to drop the six spot from his hand, to conserve an entry into dummy. The king of diamonds is the next play. East has tipped his hand off by the double, so he may as well go up with the ace, which the declarer trumps with the seven of clubs.

The eight of clubs is played next and wins with the jack in dummy. On the queen of diamonds, the declarer discards the eight of hearts.

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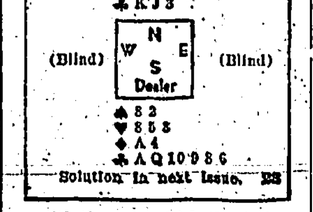

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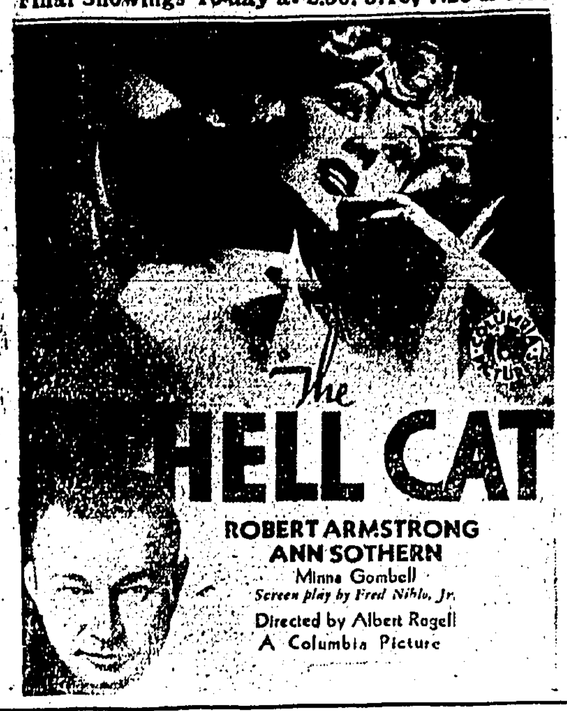

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Not for a long time has a Chinese theatrical performance been executed in such a polished manner as at the show given by the troupe of Mr. Mar Sze-tsang and organised by the Chinese Company of the Hongkong Police Reserve at the King's Theatre last night. The concert was held to raise funds for the Chinese Police Reserve.

His Excellency and Lady Peel, accompanied by Captain R. F. Walter, were met on arrival at the theatre by the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, the Hon. Mr. Burlingham, acting Inspector General of Police and members of the Finance Committee of the Police Reserve (Chinese Company).

The Notable Guests

Among the guests present were His Excellency Major-General O. C. Borrett and Mrs. Borrett, attended by Lieutenant B. L. E. Hebert, R.A., A.D.C., His Honour Mr. Justice A. D. A. MacGregor, and Mrs. MacGregor, the Hon. Sir W. T. Southorn and Lady Southorn, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mrs. Alabaster and Miss Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Miss Smith, the Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Taylor, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Lady Clara Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Lady Pollock, the Hon. Mr. Burlingham and Mrs. Burlingham, the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso and Mrs. Tso, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. M. J. Breen, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Mr. E. P. H. Lang, Mr. L. R. Andrews, Mr. D. L. King, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sin, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. Ng Wah, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Mr. Wong Haking, Mr. Li Shing-kui, Mr. and Mrs. Kwok Chan, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. T. O. Tso and many others.

An Excellent Show

The Chinese performance, entitled "The Bewitching Queen", which is a Chinese adaptation of the recently shown picture, "Cleopatra", was cleverly presented and heartily applauded. Chief honours were shared by Mr. Mar Sze-tsang and Miss Tam Lan-hing, the two principals who dominated the show with their clever acting and singing. The musical accompaniments and scenery also contributed to the success of the concert.

The Chinese Company of the Hongkong Police Reserve was formed in 1927, being the first unit of the Reserve to come into being. Starting with only twenty odd members, the Company has grown to the present strength of one hundred members.

NEW SHIP FOR CHINA NAVIGATION CO.

LOCAL DOCKYARD COMPANY'S LAUNCH YESTERDAY

A new vessel for the China Navigation Company was launched at the Taikoo Dockyard yesterday.

The vessel which was christened Wulin, is for service on the Yangtze River and is of 2,500 tons, gross: her dimensions being 260 ft. long, 50 ft. wide, and 10 ft. 6 ins. moulded to the main deck.

The twin screw vessel has two complete decks, with long promenade and boat decks, five water-tight bulkheads, double bottom under machinery, and three large cargo holds and cargo 'tween decks.

Accommodation has been provided for saloon class passengers on the ship in double and single berth cabins on the promenade deck. There is also a large dining room and smoke room. Cabin class and steerage passengers will be carried on the upper deck.

The handling of cargo will be by means of steel derricks capable of dealing with weights up to 15 tons, and the winches operating the derricks will be electrically driven.

The steering gear is also driven by electricity and controlled from the bridge by telemotor. An electric windlass has been fitted forward for operating the anchors and cables.

There are also a number of large old storage rooms on the vessel, Messrs. J. and E. Hall supplying the cooling machinery.

The propelling machinery consists of two sets of Sulzer diesel motors of a total b.h.p. of 1,500.

The vessel was built by the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of Hongkong, Ltd., at their yards.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE TO MR. MACKIE

EULOGISTIC REFERENCE AT COUNCIL MEETING

Eulogistic references to the invaluable work done by the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie during his life in Hongkong were made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Addressing the Council at the conclusion of the business His Excellency said: I had thought we would have Mr. Mackie with us for one more meeting. I understand, however, that this is the last occasion on which he will sit with us on this Council, and I take this opportunity therefore to say how very much we regret his parting from us. Mr. Mackie has been associated with China and Hongkong for a number of years and has been associated with most of the important undertakings in this Colony, including many important companies, among them being the outstanding public utility companies. He has also been a member of this Council for something like six years and has sat on the Executive Council for various periods totalling something like two and a half years, and his services on this Council have been of immense value to the Government. His sane, solid and shrewd outlook and knowledge of business and other matters have been invaluable, and his departure from this Colony will involve a very serious loss. I trust, however, and feel confident that though he proposes to live far from us he will still retain great interest in Hongkong affairs and will always be ready to help us in any way possible.

On behalf of the Government, of which I am head, I thank him sincerely for all the advice and assistance he has given us; and speaking for myself personally I thank him for his friendship and great help he has always been to me. On behalf of this Council I wish him great happiness in his retirement.

Hon. Mr. Mackie: Thank you very much Sir, for your kind remarks.

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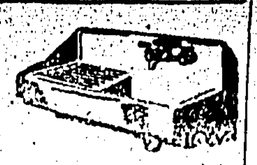
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LITVINOFF WARNS OF WAR THREAT

KING GEORGE TOASTED BY SOVIET LEADER

Moscow, March 28.

A toast to His Majesty King George was proposed by M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian Commissar for Foreign Affairs, at the end of an important speech on Soviet foreign policy at a reception given for the British Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Anthony Eden, to-night.

This was the first occasion on which a royal toast has been proposed by a Soviet Minister in Russia.

M. Litvinoff declared that the friendliest Anglo-Russian relations were essential for the preservation of peace.

Referring to the arising of "the serious and alarming impediments to the preservation of normal and peaceful international order," he said the consoling feature of the situation was the overwhelming majority of States which at present were profoundly anxious for the preservation of peace.

There might be a few exceptions, M. Litvinoff admitted, but the danger spots were at least limited and clearly defined. This, however, did not imply that the dangers were localised. Nobody could foretell, he said, which state would be the the first or the most greatly affected by this danger.

RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL

If one state were threatened, M. Litvinoff argued, and there was real danger of war, all other states ought to consider themselves threatened. For it was now universally realised that the danger of war hung over Europe. It could only be averted, he declared, or its risk reduced to the utmost extent possible, by the collective efforts of all the states, and especially the great Powers.

—M. Litvinoff believed, he said, that Anglo-Russian co-operation was decisively important in the cause of peace, and Mr. Eden's visit was not merely the beginning of such co-operation, but a pledge of its continuance.

TREMENDOUS TEST

The coming months, and perhaps the next few weeks, would show whether the statesmen of Europe were capable of organising for peace, and whether the plans for the collective work outlined at the London conversations on February 3 would be carried to their wise and logical consequence.

In any event, M. Litvinoff asserted, he was convinced that the frank interchange of opinion between Mr. Eden and M. Litvinoff's colleagues would be a fruitful contribution to this work.

PURELY EXPLORATORY

Replying, Mr. Eden emphasised that his visit was purely exploratory. But it marked a notable, and, he hoped, a hopeful landmark, in Anglo-Russian relations.

The British Government's foreign policy, said Mr. Eden, was based upon the League of Nations, and Britain recognised that it was a great gain when Russia took her place at Geneva's council table.

Peace was also a prime object of the United Kingdom and he was confident it must also be the foreign policy of the Soviet and all other great nations, as long as their main purpose was the advancing the prosperity of their people.

Referring to the coming meeting of the representatives of the nations at Stresa, Italy, Mr. Eden said it would be their task on that occasion, as it was his and M. Litvinoff's to-day, to seek to find a way out of the difficulties which beset Europe: a way which would be just and honourable to all nations and yet consistent with those principles of collective security in which they all believed.—*Reuter.*

TO MEET M. STALIN

London, Mar. 28.

The Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Anthony Eden, who reached Moscow this afternoon, had a conversation lasting over two hours with Monsieur Litvinoff. The matters discussed related to the subjects mentioned in the Anglo-French communique of February 3, and to the visit which Mr. Eden paid with Sir John Simon to Berlin.

The conversation is stated to have been conducted in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere. It will be resumed to-morrow morning and in the afternoon Mr. Eden will meet M. Stalin.

It is understood this will be the first occasion on which M. Stalin will have discussed international relations with a representative of a foreign Government, such matters hitherto having been exclusively in the hands of M. Litvinoff.

The Soviet authorities have given ample evidence of their desire to do Mr. Eden honour. When he arrived this morning, the Alexandrovsky terminus was lavishly decorated with British flags, and crowds of people watched him drive away from the station.—*British Wireless.*

EXPLAINS GERMAN OUTLOOK

DR. LUTHER SEES MR. HULL

LAVAL TO GO TO MOSCOW

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, March 28.

Dr. Hans Luther, the German Ambassador to Washington, one of Germany's most notable diplomats, to-day conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, the United States Secretary of State, for half an hour.

It is understood that Dr. Luther furnished the American Minister with a verbal resume of the European developments from the German point of view.—*United Press.*

LAVAL FOR MOSCOW

Paris, March 28.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Laval, will visit Moscow on April 20, it was announced to-day. M. Laval will probably attend the conference of the former Allies in Italy which will be called when Mr. Anthony Eden returns from Moscow and has reported to London. At this gathering it is expected that Britain, France and Italy, and any other nations which attend, will formulate a common policy in respect to the clauses of the Treaty of Versailles which Germany has unilaterally denounced.

M. Laval's visit has been anticipated and it is believed in some quarters, to preface a completion of a Franco-Russian understanding. He will remain in Moscow for ten days.—*United Press.*

LITHUANIA ANSWERS GERMANY

FIERCELY RESENTS CRITICISM

TUMULTUOUS STUDENTS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Kovno, March 28.

Lithuanians to-day are angered by Germany's criticism of the action of a Lithuanian court in sentencing to death the leaders of the pro-German conspirators here, who murdered one of the men who exposed their plot to seize Memel in the name of the Fatherland.

There were tumultuous scenes in the streets, crowds shouting defiance to the German nation, just as Germans in all parts of their country cried for vengeance against Lithuania yesterday.

Professor Vladimir Stankevitschius, chief defence counsel for the German conspirators, was prevented from holding his regular lecture at the University here owing to the tumultuous demonstrations of Nationalist students.—*United Press.*

GERMANY TO ACT

Berlin, March 28.

In response to the nation's anger at the Kovno sentences against the Nazi plotters, it is learned that the Government is planning early action in an attempt to halt the executions of the four condemned.

The German Government will also demand a "new deal" for the German population of Memel, it is believed.—*United Press.*

POLAND'S NEW GOVERNMENT

FOLLOWS GERMAN EXAMPLE

(Special to "Telegraph")

Warsaw, Mar. 28.

Colonel Walery Slawek, the non-party Union head, and former Prime Minister, and who enjoys the fullest support and confidence of Marshal Pilsudski, the dictator of Poland, to-day formed a new Cabinet.

He explained that the Government had resigned for the purpose of reorganising under the revised constitution which virtually abolishes Parliamentary government.

The new system is modelled on the lines of the German constitution.—*United Press.*

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DE VALERA REPLIES TO INVITATION

London, Mar. 29.

Mr. De Valera, the Irish Free State chief executive, informed the Dail to-day that he had been officially invited to attend the King's Jubilee celebrations, but that he had informed Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Prime Minister, that it was not possible for him to be present in the existing circumstances.

He added that the Free State High Commissioner would attend on behalf of his Government.—*Reuter.*

NO EXHIBITION TENNIS

Owing to the inclement weather, the exhibition tennis matches in which the Japanese Davis Cup players, Nishimura and Yamagishi, were to appear at the H.K.C. this afternoon, have been cancelled.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, who has engaged in cordial conversations in Moscow with M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

American Girl Shoots H.K. Chinese

CAMPUS MYSTERY IN OKLAHOMA

THREATENING NOTES

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Tahlequah, Okla., Mar. 28.

Lois Thompson, a nineteen-year-old girl, to-day shot and seriously wounded Daniel Shaw, a Chinese, who came here from Hongkong in 1931.

The shooting occurred on the campus of the North-Eastern State Teachers' College where both the girl and Shaw are students.

The girl refused to explain the incident, and the Chinese is not able to talk. Charges have not been filed pending the outcome of the affair.

The authorities state that a gang recently sent Miss Thompson several notes threatening death unless she paid to them $1,000, but there is no evidence that Shaw was involved in this plot of extortion.

A witness, say the police, declares the girl asked Shaw if he had sent her the notes, and then drew a gun and fired at point blank range. Shaw fled, but the girl pursued him and fired several times.—*United Press.*

Rabies Found In Mule

NO GRAZING IN KOWLOON

A case of rabies in a mule having occurred in the Colony, and the Governor-in-Council considering that an occasion of public danger exists, the following regulations have been made:

1. Except with the written permission of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon all movement of equines from the New Territories to any other part of the Colony is prohibited.

2. No equine in Kowloon or the New Territories (including New Kowloon) shall be turned out to graze.

3. Any equine in Kowloon or the New Territories (including New Kowloon) now turned out to graze shall be brought into stables there forthwith.

SOONG TO HEAD BANK OF CHINA?

APPOINTMENT VERY PROBABLE

CONFIDENCE SHAKEN

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, March 29.

From semi-official sources it is reported that Mr. T. V. Soong will become Governor of the Bank of China if the present General Manager, Mr. Chang Kiang-au, accepts an appointment as second deputy Governor of the Central Bank of China.

This appointment is said to have followed the general shake-up following the Government's acquisition of control of the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications through the $100,000,000 bond issue.

The bond issue is also considered very important in connection with reports that some form of monetary reform is being planned.—*United Press.*

SHANGHAI MARKET

Shanghai, March 29.

To-day being a holiday for the Gold Bar Exchange foreign exchange rates are nominal. The opening rates were 37.15/16 for U.S. Dollars and 1/6 15/16 for sterling.

Many observers anticipate that the turning point has been reached and an easier market is expected.

Through apparently shaking confidence the new bank set-up is mainly responsible for the foreign exchange market weakness at mid-morning. There are buyers of exchange at 37 1/8 and 1/6 3/8, but there are virtually no sellers.

The Foreign Market firmed before noon owing to Chinese banks selling exchange. As soon as this selling was reported the entire market turned. The U.S. dollar, after touching 37, dropped to 37¾.—*United Press.*

MANCHUKUO BARGAINS

NO TRADE WITHOUT RECOGNITION

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, Mar. 28.

The Foreign Office having received the Japanese note with respect to the Manchukuo oil monopoly, it is understood that Great Britain rejects the Japanese argument entirely.

It is stated in reliable sources that the note's assertion that the promise of maintaining the Open Door does not apply to those failing to recognise Manchukuo will not affect Britain's disinclination to grant such recognition.—*United Press.*

MASS MARRIAGE IN SHANGHAI

MAYOR WU WILL OFFICIATE

Shanghai, Mar. 29.

The first mass marriage, in which fifty-six couples will participate, will be solemnised on April 3 in the City Government Building of the Civic Centre at Kiangwan.

Mayor Wu Teh-chen and Mr. Wu Hsin-yu, Foreign Affairs Commissioner, will officiate.—*Reuter.*

A fine of $40, or three weeks' hard labour, was imposed on a young woman, Yu Luk, 19, when she pleaded guilty before Mr. Macfadyen in the Central Police Court this morning to the possession of 121 *po piu* lottery tickets at Stanley Street near Pottinger Street. A man, Fung Foo, 38, arrested for the possession of 25 *po piu* tickets failed to appear and his bail of $50 was estreated.

GOLD FLOWS TO AMERICA

CONTINENT FEARS FINANCE CRISIS

BELGIUM MAY LINK UP WITH STERLING

Paris, March 28.

Eighteen million pounds sterling in gold has been shipped from London to Paris by the British Control Fund in order to cover forward purchases of sterling made when the pound was at 71. The British authorities at that time did not have sufficient francs available.

It is stressed that these shipments are independent of all other gold movements.

Paris, however, is losing gold to New York, as commercial purchases of dollars are increasing with the Gold Bloc crisis.

The situation is believed to hinge upon the ability of Holland and Switzerland to continue shipping gold to meet the withdrawals of foreign funds. Curtailment or suspension of shipments by Holland or Switzerland may compel the French authorities to take measures to stem the outflow of gold from France.

It is believed that recent political developments on the Continent may have lessened the willingness of the French authorities to lose larger quantities of gold.

It is rumoured that M. Van Zeeland, Belgium's Prime Minister, may propose devaluation of the Belgian franc to one one-hundred-and-thirtieth part of a pound sterling, establishing a fixed relationship of 26 Belgas to the pound, thus implying a 28 per cent. depreciation. Thereafter, it is thought that a four per cent. Belgian loan may be floated in London for conversions of Belgium's internal public debt.

France, it will be recalled, recently promised to endeavour to assist Belgium with a big loan, but found it impossible so to do. It is believed in some quarters that Belgium has thus been literally driven into a union with the pound. —*Reuter.*

EXCHANGES CLOSED

Brussels, March 28.

All Belgian Stock Exchanges are to be closed until Monday, April 1, apparently in connection with the forthcoming Ministerial declaration or other possible developments regarding the status of the Belga.

It is understood that the bourses are to be closed in order to prevent speculation and to allow the Government time to take whatever financial measures it considers necessary to cope with the Belga's situation.

It is generally expected that some form of official declaration will be made to-morrow for the devaluation of the Belga.

There was considerable excitement here to-day when at 10.15 a.m. the order was given for closing the bourses. Official circles, however, emphasise that this procedure was adopted simply to prevent speculation and not due to any fears of panic.

At present there are no signs of panic in any part of the country. —*United Press.*

REACTION IN LONDON

London, March 28.

On the various exchanges here to-day Belgian prices were displaying a marked upward tendency.

Considerable withdrawals of Belgian accounts have been noted from the most popular banks and savings' banks.—*United Press.*

BELGIAN PANIC

Brussels, Mar. 28.

Monetary fright has suddenly spread throughout the country.

Possessors of cash are frantically buying real property, including houses, jewels, clothing and other tangible objects as a protection against devaluation losses. The stores everywhere are crowded with purchasers.

—Political groups met to-day and decided to pass a vote of confidence in the new cabinet to-morrow if the Cabinet will first explain its exact intentions.

However, it is expected that the Ministerial declaration will refer only generally to currency plans, asking for special power to be given to the Government for six months, to act without the consent of the Chamber of Deputies, and also for Parliament to remain in session until the Government's programme is accepted or rejected.—*United Press.*

(Continued on Previous Column.)

PACIFIC PATH-FINDERS

GROUND-WORK OF AIR ROUTE

WORK STARTS IN ISLANDS

(Special to "Telegraph")

Acapulco, Mexico, Mar. 28.

The Pan-American Airways' giant Orient Clipper, the plane designed and tested for the trans-Pacific mail and passenger service, hopped off from this point early this morning for San Diego and San Francisco, having arrived yesterday from its operating base in Florida.

The steamer North Haven, meanwhile, has sailed from San Francisco carrying 118 men who will establish landing fields at Wake and Midway islands.

This crew plans to spend at least three months at the islands in the Hawaiian group which will be used as mid-ocean bases for the trans-Pacific planes.

The North Haven's party includes forty-four technical experts, headed by the Associate Operations manager of Pan-American Airways, Mr. William Grooch, a prominent aerial engineer.—*United Press.*

SAFE AT SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Mar. 28.

The Orient Clipper landed here at 5 p.m. from Mexico.—*United Press.*

SECOND CHILD IN SIX-MONTH

STRANGE CASE OF SHANGHAI MOTHER

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, March 29.

Mrs. Ku Teh-fou, the wife of a poultry keeper at the old North Gate, yesterday gave birth to a son—her second child within six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hu announced the birth of a daughter in October, and they have won local fame through this phenomenon.—*United Press.*

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FURTHER PLANS FOR JUBILEE

LONDON A CITY OF FLOWERS

London.

The Royal Stand at Ascot is being transformed. It will be a fitting mark by Royal Ascot of the Royal Jubilee. The portion of the stand which faces the course, a familiar object to racegoers, is being left practically unaltered. Almost the whole of the rest of the stand, with the Royal luncheon room and the King's and Queen's retiring rooms, has been pulled down. It is being rebuilt with massive iron girders filled in with red brickwork. The main entrance, on the south side, where the coaches used in the Royal procession pull up, is being reconstructed. In place of the hitherto somewhat unpretentious elevation there is being built a striking facade with great blocks of Portland stone.

Another Ascot development this year will be the bringing into use of the new car park. The Ascot authorities have purchased the estate in the High-street known as the Grange, which Lord Lonsdale used to take for race week. The mansion has been pulled down and progress made with the conversion of the site into a car park to accommodate 500 or 600 charabancs in addition to hundreds of cars. It will be available in June. Another undertaking which the authorities now have in hand is the provision of a great reservoir, partly underground, which will hold 5,000,000 gallons. It will be filled as far as possible by natural drainage from Ascot Heath, the deficit being made up from company's water. This will be provided a "stand-by" supply for watering the course should there be a repetition of last year's drought with its restrictions.

THE JUBILEE

From £3 to £50 is being paid for seats on the route of the King and Queen's drive from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral for the Silver Jubilee thanksgiving service on May 6. Although it is over 10 weeks before the drive will take place, applications for seats are already being made in large numbers. The ticket agencies are negotiating almost daily with owners of buildings on the route to secure additional space. The higher priced seats are in St. Paul's Churchyard, where spectators will see the procession arrive and leave.

The Board of Education has announced that the King has expressed a desire that all schools should share in the Jubilee celebrations. The King wishes the particular form in which this should be done to be left to the discretion of the responsible school authorities.

CITY OF FLOWERS

A campaign to make London a city of flowers grown and tended by her citizens has been promoted by the London Gardens Society. The Society has enlisted the help of tens of thousands of school children. The Society carries on its work largely in areas associated with docks, wharves, warehouses and factories. "Gardens" there are window boxes or a few plant pots. Missionaries are now going forth giving advice and hints to dwellers in crowded areas on growing simple flowers to add a note of colour to the pageantry of the King's Jubilee, and to make happier those who "pass by your window".

In South London 30,000 school children are growing bulbs for exhibition in March. There is to be a special display at the Royal Horticultural Hall of flowers grown by children. One day in June trains carrying workers to the City will be a "sight". Every amateur gardener in London is expected to wear a buttonhole of home grown flowers.

Twelve episodes are being rehearsed for the Jubilee Pageant and Tattoo in the moat of the Tower in London. They include all the ingredients of a first class pageant—spectacle, thrills, music, laughter, and a few tears. One of the most colourful scenes will be the return of Henry V. from Agincourt. Music and dancing find a place in May Day revels of the time of Elizabeth and there is good fun in the cricket match of 1739.

The King held a Council at Buckingham Palace recently at which he formally approved the Proclamation appointing May 6, the anniversary of his accession, as a Bank Holiday. His Majesty also pricked the list of new County Sheriffs for 1935.

The railways of Britain are being mobilised to their fullest capacity to give special travel facilities during the King's Jubilee celebrations. An official of the Railway Companies' Association told the *Evening Standard*. "We are preparing to co-operate with nearly all the events which are being planned. "In this country the cheap fare programmes which were introduced in January are to be supplemented by liberal programmes of special trains at excursion fares. "Through our overseas offices in Paris, Rome, New York and elsewhere, our agencies are linking up with the foreign railways, especially in France and America. A great many bookings have already been made. "The Aldershot Tattoo, Navy Week at Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth, and also the Royal Air Force demonstration at Hendon will all have a special bearing upon the Jubilee celebrations. "The Aldershot Tattoo, for example, is to be particularly a 'Jubilee number'. Instead of the customary 6 performances there will be 8. It will include special pageants of the ages of Norman, Plantagenet, Tudor and Hanoverian monarchs.

NAVY DRESS

Trimmed With Organdie Cuffs and Panels

BLUE AND WHITE

Here is one of the new navy dresses with vest, jabot, and cuffs of off-white organdie. The skirt is cut with a V from which runs a centre seam opening from the knee to show an organdie panel.

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CORNISH ROLY-POLY

AN oven recipe this time. Chop about ½ lb. beef with two slices bacon. Add to it two parboiled potatoes, chopped, a small cooked onion, also chopped a saltspoonful allspice, a teaspoonful pepper, and ½ teaspoonful salt. Moisten with two tablespoonfuls gravy or stock. Make a paste with 6 oz. flour, 3 ozs. butter or margarine, ½ teaspoonful baking powder, and a little water. Roll out to about ½ inch thickness, arrange the meat mixture on it, roll up, wetting the edges to make them stick together, and bake in a good oven from 30-40 minutes.

Serve with a little good gravy, handed separately. If preferred, this dish may be eaten cold, in which case it should be cut in neat slices and garnished with salad.

INDUSTRIAL PLANNING

N.R.A. PLANS NEW PROGRAMME

AWAITS WORD OF CONGRESS

Washington, Mar. 19.

The United States faces an era of national industrial "planning" when the National Industrial Recovery Act is extended by Congress.

The original two-year period of the law expires June 16, prior to which time Congress must decide whether to foster a gradual reversion to the pre-depression business system of the country or further to extend the politico-economic regime developed under the NRA and its sister organisation, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The fundamental objective of the NRA, as announced by President Roosevelt upon its signature, "was to put people back to work. By the most generous estimate, and disregarding other federal enterprises which have contributed to recovery, the NRA can claim credit for the re-employmnt of about 4,000,000 workers.

The National Recovery Administration as an emergency recovery organisation has gradually evolved into a vast organism for the more-or-less voluntary regulation of the nation's industry, and every present circumstance indicates that "reform" and not "recovery" will be the dominant idea if Congress grants a new lease on life.

HOPE IN EAGLE

This means, in effect, that an agency of the Federal Government which has extended its coercive or advisory power into 2,500,000 separate business establishments engaging over 90 per cent. of the nation's industrial employees will assume a larger role in "planning" for the industrial world. The NRA will become a more generally recognised and accepted arbiter between the interests of capital and labour, producer and consumer, foreign trader and domestic trader, raw material man or processor.

Never has the world witnessed the growth of a governmental economic agency greater than that of the NRA.

Whether the "blue eagle"—symbol of NRA—flies high or flies low, indisputable statistics confirm the wide range of its swoop. Thousands of industrialists breathe easier under the relaxation of the anti-trust laws, and millions of workers still hope, although less confidently than a year ago, that the "eagle" is in fact an omen of a "New Deal".

The latest official tabulation showed 548 codes in effect, affecting approximately 22,000,000 workers, of whom 18,000,000 were directly affected by hours and wages provisions. Two and one-half million establishments were under codes.

MUST GO ON

Dissolution of this vast organism by Congress is practically inconceivable because the industrialists would not want re-exposure to the strict application of anti-monopoly laws, and, "organized labour", although resentful over application of some provisions of the NRA would be reluctant to relinquish the hardgained legal status gained in Section 7-A.

The problem for Congress therefore becomes one of assuring that future evolution of the NRA should safeguard the interest of the nation in its entirety. This can only be accomplished, experts believe, with uniform justice through widening the "planning" activities of the central organization. This implies the gradual further curtailment of free competition, the earlier guiding principle of national economic policy.

—*United Press.*

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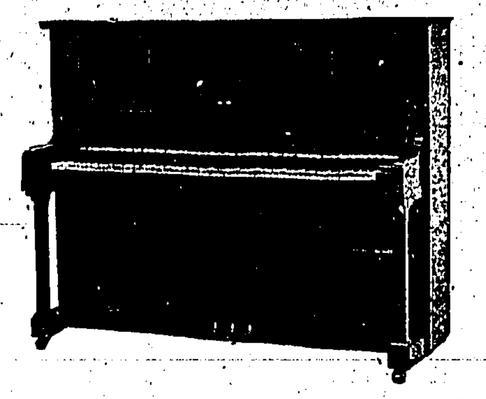

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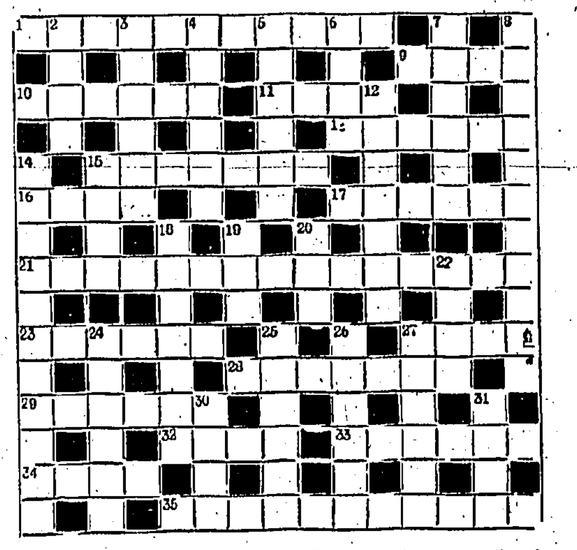

Across

1 "Weeds awe Tom," but this plant wears the white flowers of a blameless life (anag.).
9 Cut prices to get food for poor Orientals.
10 Bird.
11 Fifty-one by itself.
12 How Slavin became changed, and took hard knocks without losing temper.
15 Stumped.
16 It sounds complete, but there's nothing of it.
17 A hybrid contributes largely to the charm.
21 The form of camouflage that "lightens up a girl." (Three-word anag.).
23 Another flowering plant, but this one is only partly hid.
27 Obliged to become intoxicating eventually.
28 Book of the Bible.
29 Cared for.
32 Double this.
33 Diverts.
34 I can't see much in the doctor, but it would seem that the cow did.
35 You need this to even up things (hyphen).

Down

2 Dutch town.
3 The gauge on a paper-making machine.
4 Many a man has to pay for what a woman has seen through this.
5 Lost energy.
6 Volcano.
7 Ornamental extremity.
8 Tattered tails in truth show adaptability.
12 No friends of yours—or mine.
14 Countenance.
15 The game to take up.
18 This abroad is a rumour.
19 Undivided.
20 In short, the rest.
22 Representing unpaid debts.
24 A stiff paper arising from study about art.
25 No, he is not a cyclist, this commercial traveller.
26 In a breathing space the accountant will make a fresh computation, and make
27 a small entry.
30 Unload, roughly.
31 Only a female parent.

Yesterday's Solution.

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DEATH TO OPIUM ADDICTS

CHINA MEANS TO END EVILS

GOVERNMENT NOT FOOLING

Tientsin.

The Chinese Government's drive against the narcotic evil is achieving an amazing success in North China where the traffic is either being destroyed or driven deep underground, it was apparent today.

The most casual observer cannot escape noticing the vast difference between the opium smoking and peddling situation in the foreign-controlled concessions of Shanghai as compared with the Chinese-controlled cities and communities in North China, at least.

China's charge, made to the Opium Committee of the League of Nations recently, that the foreign concessions in China are the centres of the drug traffic in the Orient, created much bitterness but there is some reason to believe the facts were truthfully stated.

Any person who has lived in Shanghai or in North China, and is well acquainted with the average citizen, is struck at once with the changed attitude of the opium smoker or narcotic user to the narcotic laws.

The average Shanghai Chinese does not believe it against the law to smoke opium in his home although he knows that opium "dens"

For their own protection, millionaires and big business men are being finger-printed in New York. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jn. here enters the police files officially.

are unlawful. One can walk through any typical Chinese passageway in Shanghai and smell the pungent fumes of opium emanating from the crowded houses on either side.

Of the thousands of sing-song houses in Shanghai, this correspondent has yet to hear of one where the opium lamp and pipe are not always ready for the guest. Special precautions are not even necessary as in the United States during the prohibition era, when a "password" or surveillance through a peephole was necessary before admittance.

In Tientsin, Nanking, Peiping or any other city of North China, it is a different story. Clinics are established everywhere to cure narcotic and opium addicts. There is no "public" smoking as in Shanghai. Users lived in terror of being caught by the police and being given the "cure" for the first offence and facing a firing squad for the second.

There is, in Tientsin, only one large opium "den" known to most Chinese. It is in the Japanese Concession and is said to be licenced. If there are others, they are insignificant and not known to the average Chinese.

The fact that the anti-narcotic law is being strictly enforced against higher Chinese officials in North China, and the number of public executions witnessed here, are convincing the user in these parts that the Government is not fooling.—*United Press.*

SOUTH AMERICA CULTURE

SPREAD FAR TO NORTH-WEST

CHAIN OF EVIDENCE

Washington.

Aboriginal South American culture extended to the Bay Islands of the Caribbean off Honduras, a new report of the Smithsonian Institution indicates.

The report, by Dr. William Duncan Strong of the American Bureau of Ethnology is a study of "Chorotegan" type civilisation, which at the time of Columbus centred in Spanish Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. Some archaeologists have sought to find in it the basis of the Maya civilisation of Yucatan and Guatemala, the highest achieved in the aboriginal New World and one of the highest evolved independently anywhere on earth. It was much cruder than the higher culture, but bears certain general and perhaps basic resemblances to it. The findings of the Smithsonian expedition indicate that people of the Bay Islands had borrowed little from the nearby Maya, whereas the influence of the more distant Costa Rican civilisation was strong.

Dr. Strong gives detailed descriptions of the art facts recovered and the sites explored, with the conclusion that the culture of the Bay Islands represents an extreme northern thrust of South American influence and that any final solution of the major problems of Central America must await more thorough exploration of the southern continent.

"Most of the archaeological remains on the Bay Islands and the adjacent mainland," he says, "show strong connections with the prehistoric Highland area of Costa Rica. . . . The only people of the Highland region at the time of the conquest were the Guetar, who belong to the Chibchan linguistic stock of South America. . . . Historical evidence, ethnology, archaeology, and linguistics all combine to suggest that peoples of South American affiliations must have been responsible for most of the archaeological remains on the Bay Islands and probably in Northern Honduras as well. . . . That peoples of Chibchan or affiliated speech at least served as carriers of the culture seems clearly demonstrable.

"The occurrence of this marked prehistoric thrust of South American influence as far North and West as the Bay Islands has interesting theoretical connotations. It forms another link in the growing chain of evidence indicating that the answers to many basic problems of Middle American culture history lie buried in the Southern continent.—*United Press.*

TRAINING THE NATION

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S PROGRAMME

BACK TO OLD STANDARDS.

Nanking.

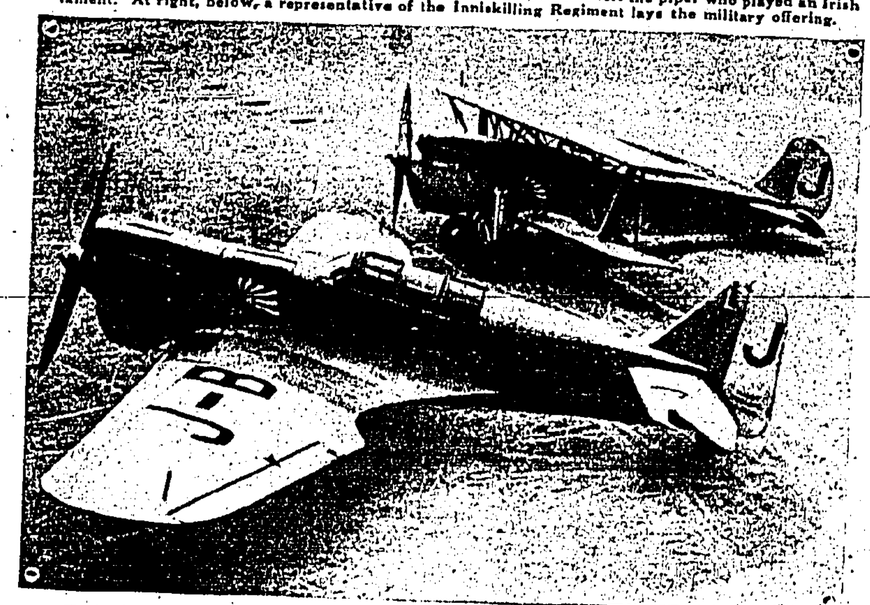
Physical training as a means of race strengthening is strongly advocated by General Chiang Kai-shek, China's active but un-athletic strong man, in a blanket order which would require all students, teachers and public functionaries to select some form of athletics and train in it regularly.

The Generalissimo's decision to enforce a nation-wide programme of individual and group physical training has not grown out of his personal experience practice, for the bulwark of the Chinese government has rarely been known to do much more than take short walks, usually accompanied by his American-educated wife.

Rather, the Generalissimo has gone back to the standard of the ancient Chinese, who included archery and chariot racing among the "six arts" to be excelled in by every scholar and candidate for public office.

In his circular order to all provincial, political and military administrations, General Chiang bluntly states that modern Chinese public servants, especially those occupying high places in party and military organisations, are too fond of a life of ease. To remedy this situation the head of the National Military Affairs Commission has ordered that group physical training, under qualified Instructors, must be enforced in all organisations under control of the National Government. High officials may be excused from taking part in group training, but they must train regularly in a branch of physical activity of their own choosing.—*United Press.*

The occasion of St. Patrick's Day falling on the Sabbath made doubly impressive the customary wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph, Shanghai, participated in by members of St. Patrick's Society and representatives of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. At top left are shown Messrs. E. F. Hardman and S. C. Young, President and Vice President of the Society, with the floral offering in the shape of "The Harp that rang through Tara's Halls." At top right are shown in file some of those who attended including Mr. Hardman, Mr. Young, Captain J. T. Inch and Mr. P. T. Givens. Left, below, are shown representatives of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, on extreme left the piper who played an Irish lament. At right, below, a representative of the Inniskilling Regiment lays the military offering.



To further good will between the Japanese and Chinese people, the "Asahi," a Japanese-built aeroplane owned by the Tokyo *Asahi* and the Osaka *Asahi*, recently visited Nanking and Shanghai. The good-will plane is seen in the foreground before it left Tokyo.

Vast numbers of Chinese movie fans in Shanghai turned out en masse to view the funeral procession for Miss Yuen Ling-yu, cinema tragedienne, who was ranked second only to Butterfly Wu in the native cinema constellation. At top left is shown a cross section of the throng in Kiaochao Road. Top right is shown a gigantic glass-covered picture of the late star. A bottom left is seen the bus which conveyed part of the elaborate floral offerings—marchers may be seen holding strands of the black rope which encircled groups of the film colony who walked in the parade. At bottom right is shown the casket, with Mr. Tang Chi-san, chief mourner a close friend of the star.

Steve Hamas went to Berlin to fight Max Schmeling recently, but could not hit the German hard enough to win.

Mr. Haselden's clever cartoon, reproduced above by kind permission of the London "Daily Mirror," makes jest of the tendency now-a-days to regard pastimes merely as health-aids. To extract all the enjoyment possible out of both work and play, depending upon Pinkettes, the gentle little liver laxatives, to keep the system clean and healthily active, is a wiser plan.

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RAW RUBBER PRICES

LATEST SINGAPORE QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts have received the following Straits rubber quotations (buyers) from Singapore to-day for raw rubber:—

Spot	19⅝	down ⅛ ct.
Apr./June	20¼	down ⅛ ct.
July/Sept.	21¼	down ¼ ct.
Oct./Dec.	22⅜	down ⅛ ct.

Market.—Quiet.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 3rd April, 1935, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1934.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 3rd April, 1935, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1935.

KING'S SILVER JUBILEE

Dollar Collection Fund.

Managers of business firms and others who have employees are informed that special collection boxes for the Jubilee $1 Collection are now available at 6 Ning Yuen Terrace, temporary headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade; telephone No. 26236.

The boxes can be obtained from Mr. A. Morris, at the address mentioned above, or from Mr. S. F. Balfour, of the Colonial Secretariat.

The Collection is to begin on April 1, between which date and May 1 the boxes should be circulated; when filled, they should be sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which has kindly undertaken to receive same.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

REMINDER

Queen's College Athletic Sports.

The Sports will be held to-morrow, Saturday, March 30th, on the Queen's College Ground, Causeway Bay.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

As from 1st April, 1935, no member shall be permitted to transact business for forward delivery unless particulars as to the distinctive numbers of the shares bought and/or sold are inserted in the contracts, such numbers must always be supplied by the seller to the buyer of the shares on the date of the transaction, and shares delivered in fulfilment of any forward contracts must bear the identical numbers as those stated in the contracts.

By order of the Committee
VIVIAN BENJAMIN,
Secretary.

JAPANESE TROOPS INSIDE WALL

BRUSH WITH CHINA MILITIA UNITS

Peiping, March 28.
The local militia units in Huaijao District, within the Great Wall, clashed with a body of Japanese troops yesterday.

The Japanese allegedly passed the Great Wall for the purpose of chasing some bandits. Subsequently, it transpired that the conflict was entirely due to misunderstanding. The Japanese troops have refused to evacuate the area though it is under Chinese control, until to-morrow.—*Central News.*

MORE DRIZZLE

A strong anticyclone has formed over North China. It is extending southward. The depression is moving eastward between Japan and the Bonin Islands. A shallow depression covers S.W. China. Local forecast:—East winds, fresh; cloudy, occasional drizzle or light rain.

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SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

H.K. Banks, $1285 b. and sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £126½ n.
Chartered Bank, ex. div. £14¾ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £31¼ n.
Mercantile Bank C., £13½ n.
East of Asia Bank, $85½ n.
Am: O. Finance Corp., Sh. $20 n.
China O. Fin. Ord. Sh. $1.80 n.
China O. Fin. Pref. Sh. $4½ n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $260 s.
Union Ins., $415 b. and sa.
China Underwriters, $1.50 n.
China Fire, $400 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., $220 n.
Internat'l Assce., Sh. $5.00 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, $39½ n.
H.K. Steamboats, $7¼ n.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.), $30 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.), $33 n.
Shell (Bearer), 50/- n.
Union Waterboats, $12½ n.

Mining.

Antamoks, 95 cts. n.
Balatocs $43 n.
Baguio Gold, 39 cts. n.
Benguet Consolidated $14 n.
Benguet Exp., 15 cts. n.
Benguet Goldfield, 10 cts. n.
Big Wedge; 10 cts. n.
Gold Creek, 40 cts. sa.
Gold River 17 cts. n.
Ipo Mining, $1¼ n.
Itogons, 42 cts. n.
Salacot, 16 cts. n.
Kailan, 16/3 n.
Langkats (Single), $15 n.
S'hai Explorations, Sh. $5 n.
S'hai Loans, Sh. $6 n.
Raubs, $5.15 n.
Venz: Goldfield, $5 n.

Docks etc.

H.K. Wharves Cum. rts. $90 n.
H.K. Wharves Ex-rights, $89 n.
H.K. Wharves, Rights, $10.10 b.
H.K. Docks, $93¼ s.
Providents (old), $1 n.
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.
Hongkews (old), Sh. $309 n.
New Engineerings, Sh. $5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. $120 n.

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. $8.30 n.
S'hai Cottons (old), Sh. $74 n.
S'hai Cottons (new), Sh. $45 n.
Zoong Sings, $9.30 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $55 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $4¼ b. and sa.
H.K. Lands, $39¾ b.
H.K. Land 4% debentures, $102 n.
S'hai Lands, Sh. $16 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. $12.20 n.
Humphreys, $9½ s.
H.K. Realties $5.10 n.
Asia Realties "A" Sh. $100 n.
Asia Realties "B" Sh. $15 n.
Chinese Estates, Ex. div. $90 n.
China Realties, Sh. $9.60 n.
China Debenture, $123 n.

Public Utilities.

H.K. Tramways, $16.50 s.
Peak Trams, (old), $8½ n.
Peak Trams, (new), $6 n.
Star Ferries, $89 n.
Yaumati Ferries, (old), $22 n.
China Lights, $9.15 s.
H.K. Electrics, $63 b. and sa.
Macao Electrics, $25 n.
Sandakan Lights, $8 s.
Telephone (old), $23 n.
Telephone (new), $10 n.
China Buses. Sh. $12.40 n.
Singapore Tractions, 10/3 n.
Singapore Pref. 20/6 n.

Indutrials.

Malabon Sugars, $8.50 n.
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. $16 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $16 n.
Canton Ices, $2¾ n.
Cement (Converted) $7 s.
H.K. Ropes, $2.60 n.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farms, $19¾ s.
Watson, $3¼ b.
Lane Crawfords, $3.75 n.
Mackintoshs, $21 n.
Sinceres, $8 n.
Wm. Powells, 70 cts. n.
Wing On (H.K.) $105 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $1.85 n.
H.K. Entertainments, $6.40 n.
S. C. Enterprise, $1.35 n.
Macao "Greyhounds," $2 n.
Constructions (old), $1.70 n.
Construction (new), 45 cts. n.
Vibor Piling, $5 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. $ Bonds 93½% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6½% prem. b.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 2% prem. b.
Wallace Harpers, $7 s.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with *Reuter.*

	Mar. 27.	Mar. 28.
British Government Securities		
War Loan 3½% redm. after 1932	£105⅞	£105¾
Chinese Bonds		
4½% Bonds 1898 (Eng. Iss.)	£100¼	£100¼
4½% Loan 1908	£ 99	£ 99
5% Loan 1912	£ 89	£ 89
5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Iss.)	£ 96¼	£ 96¾
5% Bonds 1925-47	£ 96½	£ 96½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	£ 81¾	£ 81¾
5% Tient.-Pukow Rly.	£ 33	£ 33
5% Tient.-Pukow Railway (Supl. Loan)	£ 28	£ 28
5% S'hai-H'chow-Ningpo Rly.	£101	£101
5% Honan Rly.	£ 31½	£ 31½
5% Hukuang Rly. 1911	£ 44½	£ 44
5% Lung Tsing U. Hai Rly. 1913	£ 18	£ 17½
Foreign Bonds and Banks		
German 7% Int. Loan 1924	£ 68	£ 66½
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1907	£ 76½	£ 76¼
Japan 6% Sterling Loan 1924	£ 90½	£ 90½
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Regd.)	£125½	£126½
Chartered Bank £5 sh.	£ 14¾	£ 14¼
Commercial and Industrial		
Allied Iron Founders	36/3	36/-
Associated Elec. Industries	24/6	24/9
Austin Motors ord. sh.	44/3	44/-
Boots 5/- sh.	47/3	47/-
British - American Tobacco	111/10½	111/3
Canadian Celanese	77/1½	76/3
Chinese Eng. and Min. (Bearer)	17/-	16/3
Courtaulds	49/9	49/6
Distillers	89/7½	89/3
Dunlop Rubber	48/6	47/6
Electric Musical Industries	28/3	27/6
General Electric (England)	47/9	47/9
Impl. Chem. Ind.	36/1½	35/6
Impl. Chem. Ind. Def. 10/- sh.	9/-	8/9
Impl. Tobacco	131/10½	131/3
Internat. Nickel no par val	$ 24¾	$ 24⅝
Rolls Royce £1 sh.	101/6	100/9
S'hai Elec. Constr.	47/6	47/6
Tate & Lyle	99/9	99/9
Turner & Newall	52/6	52/-
United Steel	25/4½	25/3
Watney, Combe & Reid, def. ord.	65/6	66/-
Woolworths 5/- sh.	103/-	103/-
Miscellaneous		
Anglo-Dutch	21/6	21/3
Chartd. 15/- sh. (Bearer)	21/3	21/-
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/-	20/3
Pekin Synd. 2/- ord. sh.	1/6	1/6
Rubber Trusts	30/6	29/9
Southern Railway (Deferred)	£ 22	£ 21¾
Mines		
Burma Corpn. Rs. 10	20/3	20/1½
Chosen Corpn.	25/-	25/-
Crown Mines	280/-	276/3
Randfontein Estates	57/3	56/6
Spring Mines	192/6	191/3
Sub-Nigel	280/-	276/3
Rhokana Corporation	97/6	100/-
Oils		
Anglo-Persian	48/9	48/9
Burma Oil	73/1½	72/6
Shell Trans and Trad. (Bearer)	48/9	50/-

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NULLAH MURDER EXECUTION

CHINESE PAYS FULL PENALTY

Ng Loi-yuen, aged 38, found guilty of murdering Michael Pine, a British lad, by throwing him into the nullah near the lower Peak Tram station in June last, paid the full penalty for his crime, when he was executed at Victoria Gaol early this morning.

The delay in carrying out the death sentence was caused by an appeal having been made to the Privy Council, which body, however, declined to interfere with the verdict.

LOCAL DOLLAR DECLINES

NOW BELOW TWO SHILLINGS

The Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th on opening this morning, the official rate being two shillings Later in the morning, the rate was changed to 1s. 11⅞d., the market being weak.

Shanghai opened at 1s. 6⅞d., but later rose to 1s. 6.15/16d.

Silver prices in London declined 1/16th spot and 1/8th forward. China sold, while speculators bought, the market closing quietly steady.

ZBW TREAT

MISS LORINE NASH ON THE AIR

A pleasant surprise is in store for ZBW listeners to-night. Miss Lorine Nash, the star feminine announcer at KZRM, Manila, well-known to Hongkong listeners, is in the Colony, and will appear before ZBW's microphone from 8.15 to 8.30 p.m. to-night.

Miss Nash, who is en route to the United States on vacation, will broadcast several pianoforte items, and will announce herself. Hundreds of Hongkong listeners will recognise her charming voice.

Immediately following Miss Nash's broadcast, ZBW will switch over to Daventry, from which station, following a relay of the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, it will relay the running commentary on the Grand National Steeplechase.

Leung Chan, 30, a returned banishee was sent to prison for ten months when he appeared before Mr. Macfadyen this morning charged with returning before his period of banishment had expired.

In the afternoon, the market took on a steadier tone, the business rate being about 2s. 0.1/8d. and 2s. 0.3/16.

PRESENTATION TO H.M.S. SUFFOLK

BRAVE RESCUE WORK RECOGNISED

In recognition of the splendid services rendered by the Officers and ship's company of H.M.S. Suffolk in connection with the stranding of the s.s. City of Cambridge on Pratas Reef on October 6 last, a handsome piece of silver plate was presented to the ship this morning by His Excellency the Commander in Chief, Admiral Sir Frederic C. Dreyer, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., on behalf of the Ellerman Shipping Company, of Glasgow.

His Excellency boarded the ship shortly after 9 a.m., and, after inspecting the ship, wished the Captain, Officers and ship's company farewell prior to their sailing for Shanghai, at 10 a.m. He then made the presentation.

The Suffolk leaves for Home later this year before the return of the Fleet from their summer cruise.

The plate bore the following inscription: "Presented to the Captain, Officers and Company of H.M.S. Suffolk by the Ellerman Shipping Company, Glasgow, as a token of thanks for the very courageous aid lent to the Officers and Men of the s.s. City of Cambridge, on Pratas Island, October 1934".

FRENCH GOVT. DEFEATED

NO QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE

(Special to "Telegraph")

Paris, Mar. 29.
The Chamber of Deputies twice rejected a Government motion today, in connection with the Easter Recess. The first vote was 352 to 238, on the motion for a recess ending May 28, and the second vote was 300 to 266 with May 21 suggested. Although no question of confidence is involved, the vote is regarded as a defeat for the Government. The Chamber adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.—*United Press.*

SHARE MARKET IMPROVES

EFFECT OF NEW RULE

Enquiries made in Ice House Street this morning elicited the information that the decision of the Stock Exchange to require the insertion of share numbers on contract notes for forward dealings, appears to have had a beneficial effect on the market.

There were more buyers in evidence and many small transactions were reported in forward deliveries, with numbers, for May.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS.

Straits and London Parcels—London, 21st February and Air Mail ex-Imperial Airways Service, (London 16th March)	Patroclus	March 29.
Amoy	Santhia	March 29.
Straits	Genoa Maru	March 30.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	March 30.
Shanghai and Amoy	Taiyuan	March 30.
Japan	Nankin	March 31.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Friday.		
Samshui and Wuchow	Toishan	Fri., Mar. 29, 4 p.m.
*Straits and *Europe via Marseilles —due Marseilles, 27th April	Bhutan	Fri. Mar. 29.
K.P.O. Parcels, .. March 29, 1.00 p.m. Reg., ... March 29, 3.30 p.m. Letters, .. March 29, 4.30 p.m.		G.P.O. Parcels, ... March 29, 3 p.m. Reg., ... March 29, 4.15 p.m. Letters, .. March 29, 5.00 p.m.
Letters for "Bandoeng—Amsterdam Air Mail Service"	Haruna Maru	Fri., March 29
K.P.O. Reg., ... March 29, 4 p.m. Letters, ... March 29, 4.30 p.m.		G.P.O. Reg., ... March 29, 4.30 p.m. Letters, ... March 29, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Polk	Fri., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U. S. A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C., and *Europe via Siberia (Due Victoria B.C., 16th April).	President Grant	Fri. Mar. 29. Parcels, ... March 29, 3 p.m. Reg., ... March 29, 4.15 p.m. Letters, ... March 29, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Wing Lee	Fri., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Saigon	New Mathilde	Fri., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, *Mauritius, *E. and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 27th April).	Haruna Maru	Fri., Mar. 29
K. P. O. Reg., ... Mar. 29, 4.30 p.m. Letters, ... Mar. 29, 4.30 p.m.		G. P. O. Reg., ... Mar. 29, 5 p.m. Letters, ... Mar. 29, 6 p.m.
Saturday.		
Shanghai	City of Bristol	Sat., Mar. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Santhia	Sat., Mar. 30.
Parcels, ... Mar. 30, 11 a.m.		Letters, ... Mar. 30, Noon
Letters for "Imperial—Airways Service"	Saale	Sat., Mar. 30.
K. P. O. Reg., ... Mar. 30, 3 p.m. Letters, ... Mar. 30, 3.30 p.m.		G. P. O. Reg., ... Mar. 30, 3.30 p.m. Letters, ... Mar. 30, 4 p.m.
Letters for "Singapore Australia Air Mail Service"	Saale	Sat., Mar. 30.
K. P. O. Reg., ... Mar. 30, 3 p.m. Letters, ... Mar. 30, 3.30 p.m.		G. P. O. Reg., ... Mar. 30, 3.30 p.m. Letters, ... Mar. 30, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Patroclus	Sat., Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
Manila	Silversandal	Sat., Mar. 30, 5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

HONGKONG SINGERS' SUCCESS

Fine Rendition Of "Elijah"

Mendelssohn's exquisite oratorio, "Elijah," can still attract huge audiences the whole world over, as was typified last night when St. John's Cathedral was practically filled to hear the Hongkong Singers render this work.

In the hands of such a competent choir and sympathetic soloists the work lost none of its magnificence and beauty. Several of Mendelssohn's passages in this oratorio are the most emotional compositions in all of the many sacred cantatas. To obtain their full meaning and to reveal their profound musicianship demands a technique and quality of singing of the highest degree. This was provided by the Hongkong Singers who can regard this as their most successful public performance to date.

EXTRAORDINARLY SINCERE

The rendition was by no means perfect, but it was extraordinarily sincere. One felt the necessity for a little more verve among the sopranos both in the chorus work and in some of the solos. In an effort to give the fullest emphasis to the *pianissimo* phrases there was a tendency to be a little too restrained, thereby losing some of the wonderful harmonic effects of the composition.

Brief though it was, the finest work of the chorus was in "He that shall endure to the end shall be saved." The voices harmonised with glorious effect and the singing was outstandingly expressive.

The important solo work of Elijah was taken by the Rev. W. H. Baines and it is not exaggerating to state that no other local baritone could have sung the difficult recitatives and airs with a greater depth of feeling. He captured the spirit of the composer in the scornful denunciation of the Priests of Baal, and he succeeded in expressing the complete hopelessness of the prophet in his prayer to God to take away his life. Apart from Mr. Baines' moving expression, his voice was full of tonal quality and Hongkong will impatiently await further appearances in these sacred works.

"O REST IN THE LORD"

Mrs. F. T. Portallion sang her passages beautifully especially the famous and much loved "O Rest in the Lord." The soprano solos were very effectively taken by Mrs. D. Snowden-Jones and Mrs. J. Anderson-Miller, while Mr. J. A. Kennedy found the restrained type of music admirably suited to his voice.

The double quartettes were exceedingly well sung, noteworthy among them being the delicious "O Come everyone that thirsteth." These were handled by Mrs. Anderson-Miller, Mrs. E. St. G. Kirke, Miss B. M. Bicheno, Mrs. W. Sinclair, Mr. H. Anniss, Mr. J. A. Kennedy, Rev. Cyril Brown, Capt. O. P. Joce and Mr. L. Peckham.

Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., was at the organ and Mr. J. Anderson Miller, L.R.A.M., guided the chorus through the intricate movements with a baton full of sympathy and understanding.

The large congregation joined in singing the hymn "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" before the start of the oratorio, and at the conclusion Bishop Hall offered prayer and gave the Blessing. A retiring collection was made on behalf of the Hongkong Benevolent Society.—S.A.G.

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

Topical Pictures To-morrow

Many interesting pictures will appear in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Pictorial Supplement, including some of the recent big-scale manoeuvres in Hongkong.

Amongst the groups will be one showing Spanish Fathers, including Father Bravo, recently released by Communists after over a year's captivity.

The wedding of Mr. Yung Chi-yim and Miss Emily Tam will be illustrated; whilst other pictures will show the women's section of the Golf Club at the annual Fanling Meeting, the staff of St. Stephen's Girls' School, the Morrison Hall athletic team, and a photo will also appear of the St. Patrick's Ball in progress.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by *Reuter*:

New York Cotton.

	Mar. 27. Close	Mar. 28. Closing
May	11.07	10.96/97
July	11.14	11.01/03
October	10.72	10.52/53
December	10.82	10.61/62
January (1936)	10.86	10.67/67
March	10.93	10.73/73
Spot	11.35	11.25

New York Rubber

May	11.73	11.55/55
July	11.84	11.66/68
September	11.98	11.82/84
October	12.05	—
December	12.20	12.06/06
January	12.28	12.14/14

Total sales:—324 lots

Chicago Wheat

May	95⅛	94¾-94⅝
July	93⅝	92⅝-92½
September	93	92¼-92⅜

Wednesday's sales:—17,620,000 bushels

Chicago Corn

May	79¼	78⅞-78¾
July	74	73⅝-73½
September	69¾	69⅝-69¼

Total sales:—9,020,000 bushels.

Winnipeg Wheat.

May	85⅛	84⅞-84⅞
July	84¾	84¾-84¾

New York Silk

May	1.29	1.28½-1.29
July	1.29	1.28 -1.29½
September	1.29	1.28 1.28

Total sales:—26 lots

Montreal Silver.

March	61.25b	—
May	61.68	61.45/60
July	62.40	61.95/62.15
Septemebr	62.95	62.55
December	—	63.45

Total sales:—11 contracts

New York Metals

Copper January	6.77	6.88
Tin January	46.30	46.65

MANILA STOCK EXCHANGE

PHILIPPINE GOLD SHARE QUOTATIONS

To-day's quotations as received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz shortly after the close of the morning session of the Manila Stock Exchange are as follows:—

	Price In Pesos Asked Price	Bid Price	Sales	Volume In Pesos
Antamok Goldfields	0.93	0.90	0.90	20000
Baguio Gold Mining	0.81	0.80	—	—
Benguet Consolidated	12.20	12.00	12.10	20000
Gold River	0.12	0.11	0.12	10000
Ipo Gold Mines	1.20	—	—	—
Itogon Mining Co.	0.86	0.84	0.86	5000
Balatoc Mining Co.	0.17	0.15	—	—
Suyoc Consolidated	0.21	0.20	—	—
United Paracale	0.33	0.31	0.32	10000

S. C. & F. Gold share Index 76.0. Market keenly bearish. Volume pesos 100,000.

"WE FARMERS MUST HAVE TARIFFS"

(Continued from Page 6.)

necessity of implementing a tariff policy!

The supreme need of the home farmer is a general tariff on all agricultural produce, adjustable to meet currency changes and internal subsidies, with preferential rates for Dominions' products, and foreign foodstuffs taxed to as high a level as may be necessary to keep them in the th rd place.

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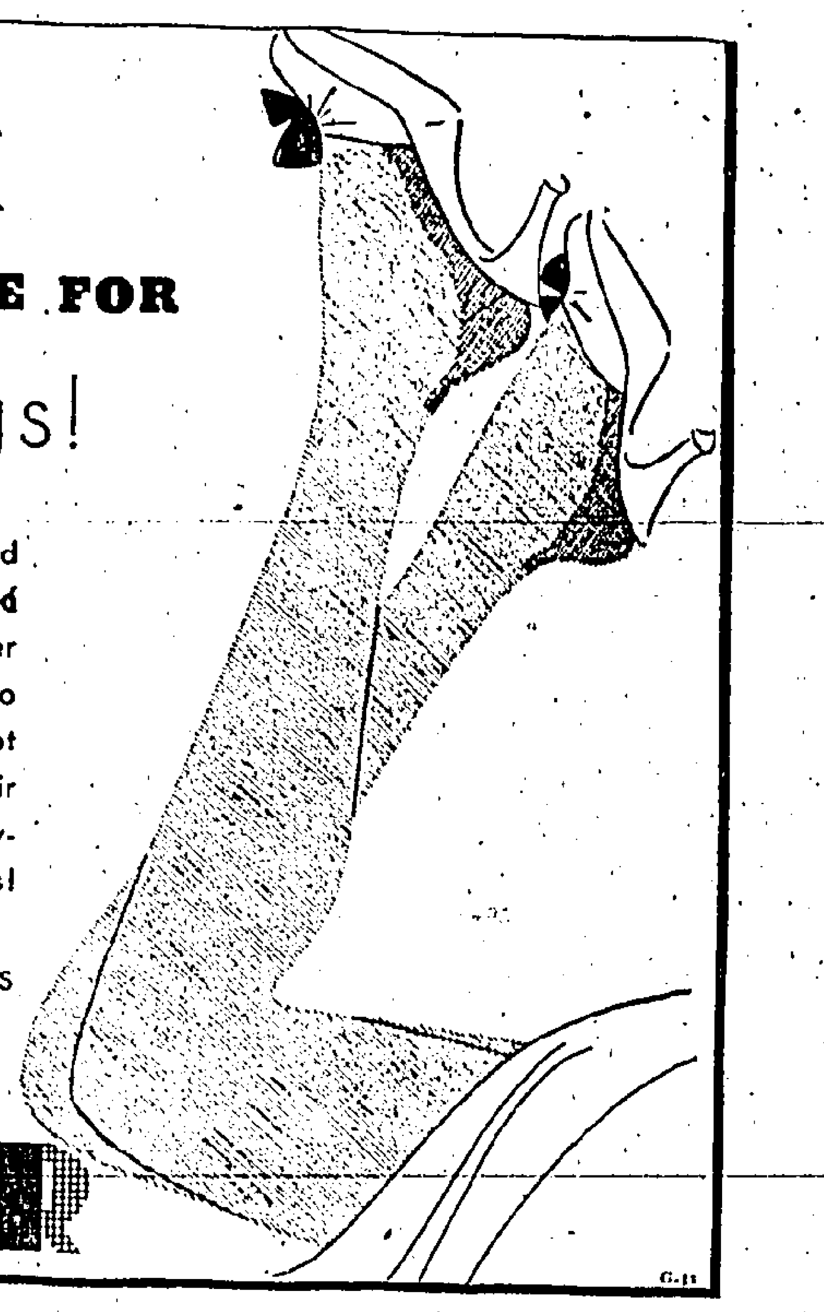

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MUNITIONS TRADE CONTROL

France, unlike Britain and the United States, is not disposed at the moment to conduct an investigation into the manufacture of armaments. The reason given by M. Flandin is that he is against French national defence being discussed at the present moment. Meanwhile, it is of interest to note that as the United States Senate moves nearer to passage of a law limiting war-time profits in the munitions trade, further exposures of how the trade was handled in the Great War are threatened. It is even suggested by members of the Nye Committee that there was something like a strike of capital in the most crucial moments of the war, when big munitions makers are said to have delayed production to quibble over profits at a time of national crisis. Senator Nye bluntly states that some of the munitions makers "forgot patriotism for personal gain." How it is intended to curb such obstruction is not at the moment disclosed, but it is believed that the United States will make an endeavour to rule out such a possibility in the future. A great change has come over war-making in the last generation. Nowadays, when a nation goes to war, it must go as a unit. The soldier is only the spear-head of its effort. Behind him all the wealth and industry of the nation must be united. This is because the scope of modern war has broadened so tremendously. In the old days war was carried on chiefly by professional armies, augmented by volunteers. Except for raising prices and a shortage of man-power, a nation's daily life was not very greatly affected by war. Despite all effort, the slogan of "Business as usual" has been found to be impossible when modern war breaks out; every citizen and every institution must be a cog in the war-making machine. It is for that reason that the old, individualistic method of creating and marketing war supplies is obsolete in war time. Individual rights must be over-ridden. Freedom, in the ordinary sense, is suspended for duration of the conflict. That is why some form of government control over the munitions trade is a war-time essential. It is also, when one stops to think about it, the greatest of all arguments against war itself.

NOTES OF THE DAY

GERMAN RESENTMENT

It is easy to understand the German resentment against the Lithuanian Government for sentencing to death those persons who were found guilty of murdering a fellow-conspirator who had turned "state's evidence." Yet, surely, at a time when women are executed for selling information of a military nature to a foreign power, there can be no appalling shock when some foreign court sentences to prison those who plot against the Government. The four persons condemned to die in Lithuania were murderers as well as conspirators. For murder there is a heavy penalty under any flag. The fact that the murderers were also conspirators, plotting to win back to Germany the territory of Memel and the city of that name, brings them the sympathy of the German people. We, too, can sympathise with them in their love for their native land, and their desire to return to it. We do not condone their methods, however; nor do we hold with the policy of violence by which they hoped to attain their ends. That they should pay the penalty of their crime seems reasonable and just. They will not be executed as conspirators, but as murderers.

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BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY

Britain has long recognised that no permanent adjustment of Europe's tension can take place without restoration of Germany to a legitimately equal position, an equality which is admittedly meaningless without the implementation of an adequate measure of armament and a primary voice in diplomatic negotiations. Accusations that the British, in contriving the London Accords, have sought to force the Reich merely to sign on the dotted line, miss the vital point of Downing Street policy. Britain may have been deeply disturbed by successive internal developments in Germany, but it has not departed from the clear recognition that "encirclement", by which is meant a building up of protective alliances about the German borders, will hardly place the Germans in a position where they feel free to undertake real and substantial guarantees to peace. Yet the second aspect of the British policy is a distinct realism. Should the present peace efforts fail because of intransigence, or because of a nationalism which refuses to view continental problems in their broader aspects, Britain is apparently prepared to accept greater responsibilities to solidify the continental peace structure. Distinctly the British preference is for a security system in which Germany can take its place. But failing this, Britain apparently is not in a mood to avoid the consequences of agreements with those nations which are willing to enter a newly stabilised grouping.

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POOR FARMER!

Ten thousand women in California are going on a meat strike. That means they will not buy from the butcher a single ten-cent order of ground steak for a hungry husband nor a scrap of liver for the cat. There will be approximately ten thousand disgruntled households if the strike goes on. The thing has its serious aspect, however. The housewives of the California state generally are amongst the best off in the world to-day so far as cheap necessities are concerned. There are few ports of the world where fruit is cheaper and better. Dairy products have always been moderately priced, and vegetables are too cheap for farmers to bother growing them, except in great bulk. The problem seems to be meat. The complaint is against nothing else for the moment. And yet, not a week ago, we read an advertisement in an American journal offering two pounds of best beef and five pounds of mixed vegetables... all for twenty cents. There are certain cuts, as any housewife knows, which cost more than others. One would not expect to get tenderloin and the choice roasting bits of the rump for the same price one would pay for stewing beef. But a couple of pounds of good red meat and five pounds of vegetables for twenty cents, approximately 40 cents in Hongkong money, seems to us to be a price against which there is very little reason to complain. It seems to us that Californians do not know when they are well off. The housewives suggest that the federal Government do something to help the stock farmers so that they can sell more cheaply. What we know of the cattle business is very little; but it is sufficient for us to appreciate that a reduction of prices for beef on the hoof would be disastrous to the plainsmen of the American and Canadian West. That is not where the profits are going, if profits there be. The housewives of California must look to someone other than the poor farmer to reduce the cost of living. Compared to the farmer's lot, the average household in American cities lives on the threshold of Heaven.

"WE FARMERS MUST HAVE TARIFFS"

By J. F. WRIGHT

(Secretary, Norfolk Branch of the National Farmers' Union)

In calling for a general tariff on all agricultural produce, Mr. Wright, who farms extensively in South-East Norfolk, points out that marketing boards give little or no protection against cheap imports. Yet recently the announcement is made that the establishment of still another board—for marketing eggs and poultry—is officially recommended.

DURING the last year or two home agriculture has been floundering in a tangle of quotas and subsidies which have done nothing towards the essential need of permanent economic stability. The formation of Marketing Boards for milk and bacon pigs, with little or no protection against the menace of cheap imports, has brought no improvement in the financial returns for these products.

There is therefore little cause for wonder that responsible agricultural opinion—which has never really wavered but which has been willing to give the Government's policy a "try-out"—has again turned to the simple and sane alternative of tariffs as a means of establishing the farmer's right to the first position in the home market.

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The present policy is enmeshing farmers in a maze of regulations, and actually is heading towards restriction of production, the mere contemplation of which is arousing a storm of resentment, and the enforcement of which would be entirely opposed to national interests.

Here we are, with an army of unemployed, still importing foodstuffs to the value of over £250,000,000 yearly, and yet talking about producing less at home, involving more unemployment here and the paying of more money to workers in other countries.

It is utterly wrong. We must produce to the maximum; we must find work on the land and a living wage for many more men.

How is it to be done? Not by regulating and harassing home farmers, and giving to foreign countries quotas which are disregarded and which still leave our markets flooded with competitive imports, often dumped here at values far below the prices at which they are sold in the country of production.

Not by a policy of subsidies. The disastrous crashing of prices has forced farmers to accept aid in whatever form the Government has offered it. But they hate being on the dole, and they know perfectly well that the country will not continue to spoon-feed agriculture.

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They argue thus: The land of this country ought to produce as much as it will grow. If we were free agents we might be able to struggle along. But Parliament has fixed our main cost of production—wages—and therefore we cannot compete with countries where every cost is lower, or with those whose Governments subsidise exports. If we are to continue to produce we must be protected against unfair competition.

Now, in my judgment, the policy of the National Government is failing. The general level of agricultural prices is lower than it was when the Government took office (some products are below their pre-war value) while costs have risen since 1931.

It is obvious that unless the Government alter their ways and drastically cut the imports of the foodstuffs which are keeping home production values below cost, the intricate system of marketing which farmers have been gulled into accepting, and for which they are being heavily levied, will not bring about an improvement. But the Government have tied their own hand with the Ottawa and foreign trade agreements, and while these operate they cannot take effective action.

They are not even doing as much as they could.

Consider the question of butter imports. Empire supplies are unregulated, but the allocations to Denmark and Sweden were based on a total Empire importation of 8,100,000cwt.: in the event of this quantity being exceeded, the countries named were to be allotted a share of the excess.

Knowing the plight of the home dairying industry and the difficulties of the Milk Board, it should have been the business of the Government to ensure that imports were kept below the named quantity.

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It could have been done; but imports in 1934 were 9,702,818cwt., and the excess which might have been kept out was equivalent to more than 420,000,000 gallons of milk.

The quantity of home-produced milk surplus to liquid requirements and used for manufacturing purposes last year was roughly 237,000,000 gallons, and this surplus lowered the price of the whole home output. If the Government had kept butter imports down it would have helped the Milk Marketing Scheme.

Agriculture, the most vital industry in the country, deserves better treatment than it has had. Tariffs are as essential to it as to any other industry, and would operate without the irritating effects which quotas have upon our trade with other countries.

Beef producers particularly are in need of this help. It is an established fact that consumption in this country has declined, yet imports have greatly increased, despite all the efforts to restrict them. Last year we received 634,000 tons—5 per cent. more than in 1933—and even with the aid of the subsidy home prices are only just above the pre-war level.

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These prices are ruinous. Every bullock marketed to-day is losing money either to the breeder or fattener, and in most cases to both. Surely it is time the Government considered anew the

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"She's my best friend and I wouldn't say a thing against her, but she is an awful cat."

The Very Idea!

OUR AGONY COLUMN

By Horatio (Love-Lorn) Bogg

"Lone gent, thrown on his own resources on this inhospitable Island of Hongkong, would like to meet young lady with view to congenial friendship for which his wretched soul has always craved."—*H.B.*

"If 'H.B.' is sincere in his representations and cares to give more information about himself, it would give undersigned great pleasure to know him."—*A.D.*

"*A.D.*' is very kind to have answered. *Noblesse oblige*, and so it is only fair she should have the information required. My age is well this side of forty, although a bald patch on the crown may seem to belie it. I eat with moderation, but will not refuse a drink. I am perfectly sound in health, not having neglected to take my daily dose of Kruschen salts, and my teeth are intact and the best money can buy. Beside the platonic friendship such as ours will be, I am sure you will agree with me that money is a secondary consideration and so we need not discuss it here."—*H.B.*

"Your letter is so charmingly written that it has made the meeting with you one of pleasurable anticipation for me. Will the Gloucester Lounge at 10.30 on Friday suit? I must confess I shall be awfully disappointed if I do not see you."—*A.D.*

"Extremely nice of you to have said all that. I shall hold myself responsible for keeping the appointment. I shall be identified by a black suit with roses in the button-hole."—*H.B.*

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And so we went to keep that appointment with a heart that cruelly palpitated. We met her. To say we were pleased by what we saw was to tell a brazen untruth, and to say we were disappointed would be ungallant to the lady. No doubt she would have more reason to say as much of us, and was as much repelled. But having proceeded that far, we felt we could not withdraw with honour.

From that moment we hated each other, and we knew it. Only, if that were possible, we hated her more than she did us, this because we both knew it was within her power to have considered our feelings and freed us from an irksome contract.

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For the sixth time that day, The Thing had rung us up. We cursed softly. "Shall I see you to-day?" she asked with the privilege of a twenty-four hours' friendship.

We prayed in our heart of hearts that she would not, only we did not say so, and muttered something about work. But she was insistent.

"Well, make it 9 p.m. then," we snarled.

"What am I to do with myself in the meantime?" she demanded.

We dam-well know what we would want her to do. The mildest thing we would be wanting her to do would be to remove herself the farthest sphere from our existence, but there, again, we were too dumb to say it.

"Go to the pictures," we suggested, this very weakly.

"I may do that, but I have a grand idea. There is a cheap sale at the—Silk Store, and I do need so many things, dear. We can take that sale in with the pictures."

"So we can, and no doubt, we shall also have time to take in the tea dance at the Roof Garden, dinner in the Grillroom, and the Charity Ball afterwards at the Peninsula."

There are occasions when one is mad enough to turn the dagger in a self-inflicted wound. This was one of those occasions.

"How thoughtful of you darling," The Thing gurgled. Then, anxiously, "Are you sure we can go to all that and have time left for supper afterwards?"

"Of course we can, but we are not going to!" we replied.

"What do you mean? Think of the glorious time we both will be having."

"I am not insensible to your way of thinking, young lady, but—"

"But what?"

"—it was congenial companionship for which I had bargained, before you got me in on these unending round of engagements and pleasures."

"And are you not getting it? How ungrateful of you to say you have not."

"Not a bit," we spoke up, the time for polite speaking gone.

"You are no gentleman," The Thing had started to scream over the wire.

"And you are no lady, either," we calmly went on. "You are a gold-digger."

At this point a grating noise came over, indicative of the receiver being replaced with force at the other end of the line.

So ended our first romance.

Fast Track For Grand National

GOLDEN MILLER WANTS RAIN

PLENTY OF OPPOSITION

Aintree, March 28.

Golden Miller's jockey wants plenty of overnight rain before the Grand National, which is to be run to-morrow. Golden Miller is favourite, but he carries over twenty pounds in handicap weight.

The present fast course might enable some of the others to stay better than they would under severe conditions, Golden Miller's rider says.

Trainer Anthony is not without hopes, having Thomond, the American entry, and Royal Ransom in the race. Thomond is second favourite.

All others will welcome a fast course and say their horses are good jumpers and stayers.—*Reuter.*

U.S. GOVERNMENT CUTS BORROWING

RAPID INCREASE IN CASH HOLDINGS

Washington, Mar. 28.

The United States Government's money is increasing so rapidly that the Treasury has to-day announced that, as a temporary measure, Governmental borrowings will be cut in half from the beginning of next week.

The increase in money is attributed in the first place to rising revenues, and governmental expenditures being less than expected.

Another important factor in this connection is the making of payments by banks who are retiring national banknotes.—*United Press.*

U.S. SILK MILL CLOSES

PRICES REMAIN FAIRLY STEADY

New Bedford, Mass., Mar. 28.

The Butler Mills here which employ over 850 people have been forced to close, for which they blame Japanese competition.

On the New York market silk prices were unchanged to one point lower and trading was very quiet.

The easiness of outside markets restricted business causing scattered selling.

Dealers and the trade bought but the market was unable to maintain the early gains.—*United Press.*

C.E.R. TRANSFER PROCEEDING

JAPANESE GRADUALLY TAKE OVER

Harbin, Mar. 28.

The transfer of control of the Chinese Eastern Railway to the hands of the Manchukuo-Japanese authorities has been carried out smoothly and without any incident since the formal announcement of the transfer, except that the progress of the transfer on the western section is somewhat hindered by the sudden death of a Japanese engineer-in-charge.

All locomotives on the Railway have been manned by Japanese drivers while the majority of the posts of minor railway employees are given to Manchukuo natives.—*Central News.*

OXFORD ROWING STRONGLY

BETTER TIME THAN CAMBRIDGE

PACED OVER COURSE

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, March 28.

Oxford's crack eight-oar crew swept up the full course on a trial in the reverse direction of the Mortlake-Putney run to-day and in better time than that required by Cambridge a few days ago.

Oxford's time was 19 minutes 31 seconds and is rated a smart performance.

Cambridge had done the same stretch in 19 minutes 51 seconds, but unpaced, whereas Oxford was assisted by four crews, travelling in relays.

Conditions for the trail were almost ideal.

A feature of to-day's pull was the high rate of stroking, begining at thirty-five to the minute and finishing at thirty-six. The stroke never dropped below thirty-two.—*Reuter Special.*

COTTON PRICES DROP AGAIN

New York, Mar. 28.

On the Cotton Exchange here to-day prices were lower, due to a late reaction that erased earlier recoveries.

The strength of the spot basis sustained the old crop months which closed about ten points above the lows. However, the new months were weak and closed only four points from the lows.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has estimated the 1935 cotton crop to be around 11,700,000 to 12,000,000 bales.—*United Press.*

THREE PROVINCES FIGHT FLOOD

LARGE SUM TO PUT DYKES IN ORDER

Kaifengu, Mar. 28.

In dealing with the emergency flood situation on the Yellow River, affecting three provinces, Hopei, Honan and Shantung, the Three Provinces Flood Prevention Committee held a meeting here to-day approving the appropriation of $1,080,000 for the strengthening and repairing of the endangered sykes along the river.

The Committee also recommended that $540,000 of the sum be granted by the Central Government, while the remainder be raised by the three provinces concerned.—*Central News.*

CHINESE EGGS IN AMERICA

EXPORT RESTRICTION PROTESTED

Nanking, March 29.

It is learned in local official circles that the Nanking Foreign Office has instructed Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister at Washington, to lodge a protest with the American Government against the restrictions imposed on the importation of Chinese eggs.

According to a message from the Chinese Legation at Washington, the matter is being taken up with the State Department and a satisfactory settlement of the case is expected shortly.—*Central News.*

FIRE INSURANCE MEETING

A SATISFACTORY POSITION

FUTURE HOPES

A very satisfactory position was disclosed in the 1933 report made by the Chairman (Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson) of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the annual general meeting of shareholders held at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd), to-day at noon.

The Secretary (Mr. F. C. Hall) having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having now been in your hands for the prescribed number of days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the customary procedure of taking them as read. Your General Managers and Consulting Committee are pleased to be able to place before you such a satisfactory Account as that for the year 1933, now under review, the more particularly so when it is taken into consideration that the whole world is at present in a most perplexing state. Nothing is more sensitive to depression than insurance, for it is to commerce that we look for our revenue, and conditions of "dearth" are quickly reflected in our accounts. That the outturn for 1933 is so favourable is due partly to the continued support of our many friends and partly to the fact that the percentage of profit was more than usually high; bumper results cannot be expected every year and a review of our past reports and accounts will show how prosperity appears to run in cycles.

STRONG RESERVES

During the more propitious times, we have taken the opportunity to strengthen our reserves to the point where they now stand, which renders them more than adequate for the volume of business that we transact and which we find it most difficult to augment in these highly competitive days. In 1928, my predecessor in this chair made an appeal to shareholders to afford the Company a full measure of their support. I now renew that appeal and ask for all the assistance you can give us.

The premium income for the year, now being considered, which stands at $1,522,640.06, averages but poorly with those for the five previous years, but this result is merely the natural sequence to poor trade and the higher exchange at which sterling has been taken for the purpose of our accounts as on the 31st December last; it is the highest since the close of the year 1928.

The ratio of losses works out at 41.42 per cent as against 50.81 per cent for the year 1932, while that for expenses fell from 47.54 per cent to 43.64 per cent for 1933; the percentage of profit resulting was 14.94 per cent.

INTEREST SHRINKAGE

Against the above-mentioned improvement in working results, I would call to your notice a fall of over $75,000 in interest, as compared with the previous year, and would explain that this is almost entirely due to the various loan conversions that have taken place at Home and which have resulted in a shrinkage in our interest from sterling investments of almost exactly one-third. There is likewise the factor of exchange which at 1/8½d, as against 1/5¾d, has caused yet a further contraction in our sterling interest, when expressed in local currency, interest from silver securities has risen by over $23,000.

The balance at credit of the Working Account for 1934 is $628,214.01, an increase of $32,743.82 over the carry forward for 1933, after twelve months working. It is early yet to venture an opinion as to the ultimate result of this Account but, granted normal conditions, we have every reason to hope that it will prove to be satisfactory.

The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is $627,223.73, the balance of Account 1933, and we now recommend the payment of a dividend of $10 per share, together with a bonus of $1, making in all $11 per share, which will absorb $440,000; the appropriation of $100,000 to Silver Reserve and the balance of $87,223.73 to Reinsurance Fund.

BONUS PROSPECT

In making this recommendation with regard to the continuation of the payment of a bonus of $1 per share (it can no longer be termed an "Exchange" Bonus) your General Managers and Committee have felt that as the year 1933 has turned out sd satisfactorily, it is only equitable that the Shareholders should participate; however, they wish it to be quite clearly understood that should exchange continue to rise and business to fall away, there can be no alternative but to discontinue this additional $1.

All the reserves are in a sound position, as will be seen from a comparison of the balance sheet with those of former years The assets as expressed in sterling show an increase of close on £50,000 whereas in local currency there is a decrease of approximately $940,000, this latter being the result of the rise in exchange of which I have already made mention.

I trust you will approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries, being granted to members of the staff, who have worked well during the year.

I do not think there is anything further which calls for special mention by me. I have already referred to the conditions under which we are now working, but we have experienced the like before and must hope for better things in the future, as life to-day without a leavening of optimism would be quite impossible.

After the resolution, which I am now about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which shareholders may wish to ask. I now propose the following resolution:—"That the report and accounts, as presented, including the payment of a dividend of $10 and of a bonus of $1, making in all $11 per share, an addition to the Silver Reserve of $100,000, the transfer of $87,223.73 to the credit of Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed."

The report and accounts were seconded by Mr. D. V. Steavenson, and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, Felix A. Joseph, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart, and S. T. Williamson, together with the Chairman (Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson), were re-elected to the Consulting Committee, on the motion of Mr. M. K. Lo, seconded by Mr. John Fleming. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were reappointed auditors at a remuneration of $1,500 each, on the motion of Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo.

Present were Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, L. Dunbar, Felix A. Joseph, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart, S. T. Williamson (Members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. D. V. Steavenson, S. Hampden Ross, M. K. Lo, M. H. Lo, N. V. A. Croucher, J. Fleming and E. M. Raymond.

REDUCING HIGHWAY DEATHS

SPEED LIMIT A FACTOR

FEWER HURT IN BRITAIN

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, March 28.

The first week of the thirty-mile an hour speed limit in London's built up areas has resulted in a decrease in casualties.

The difference is not very great, but is definitely there.

In this first week 100 persons were killed in highway accidents and 2,851 were injured. This latter figure is one of the lowest ever recorded since the days of fast motor travel commenced.

The week previous, before the speed limit came into force, 106 persons were killed and 2,870 were injured.

These figures were issued by the Ministry of Transport to-day, and at the same time it was recalled that for the corresponding period of 1934 the road toll was much higher, being 128 killed and 3,346 injured.

It was a matter for comment, too, the Ministry stated, that there were 12 per cent. more vehicles on the roads this year compared with last.—*Reuter Special.*

Hauptmann's Appeal Set

WILL BE HEARD IN LATE JUNE

Trenton, N.J., March 28.

Bruno Hauptmann's appeal will be heard on June 20, according to an announcement made to-day.

Hauptmann, condemned to die in the electric chair for the murder of the infant son of Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, is still housed in the death cells here, within sight of the door of the execution chamber, through which he has seen a dozen condemned taken already during his incarceration.—*Reuter.*

B.B.C.'S NEW CHAIRMAN

LORD BRIDGEMAN APPOINTED

London, March 28.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons that Viscount Bridgeman had been appointed Chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation in place of Mr. J. H. Whitley, who died last month.

Lord Bridgeman has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Corporation since 1933.

Mr. H. A. L. Fisher has now been appointed to the vacancy on the Board. Mr. Fisher is Warden of New College, Oxford. He was Minister of Education from 1916 to 1922.—*British Wireless.*

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Paul Robeson (Bass).
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Orchestra—Blue Danube—Waltz (J. Strauss).
Humorous—They're always together.
Humorous—The Vegetable Blues.
Frank Crumit.
Orchestra—Noel Coward Medley.
Humorous—The Pensioner.
William McCulloch.
Fox Trot—Out of nowhere.
Fox Trot—Thank you most sincerely.
Humorous—I miss a little miss.
Humorous—Three little words.
Frank Crumit.
Fox Trot—Laughing Marionette.
Fox Trot—Rag Doll.
8 p.m. Time and Weather Report.
8.03-8.15 p.m. Talk on "Flower Day for the Society for the Protection of Children" by Mr. G. P. de Martin.
8.15-8.30 p.m. KZRM's star feminine Announcer. Miss Lorine Nash at the piano in ZBW's Studio.
8.30-9 p.m. Relay from Daventry.
The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall.
9-9.45 p.m. From the Studio.
Mrs. R. Sanger—Soprano.
Madame H. Arnold—'Cello.
Mrs. G. W. Griggs—Pianoforte.

Programme.

1. Songs:
Richard Strauss.
Dream in the Twilight.
Crown of my heart.
Serenade.
Mrs. R. Sanger.
2. Sonata in A Minor.
Caix d'Hervelaix (1670-12).
(a) Preludio.
(b) Gavotte.
(c) Papillon.
(d) Minuet.
Madame H. Arnold and Mrs. G. W. Griggs.
3. Songs:
The Star ..... Rogers.
April ..... Rogers.
Birthday Song .....Huntingdon-Woodman.
Mrs. R. Sanger.

9.45 p.m. Press Bulletins, Stock Quotations.

9.50-10.20 p.m. The entire musical numbers from "He Wanted Adventure" with Bobby Howes, Judy Gunn, Marie Burke, Raymond Newell, Wylie Watson, Theatre Chorus and Orchestra.

10.20-10.30 p.m. A Venetian Barcarolle—Serenade (arr. Willoughby).
The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.

10.35 p.m. Relay from Daventry.

10.45 p.m. The Grand National. A Running Commentary by R. C. Lyle and W. Hobbiss, Relayed from Aintree, near Liverpool.

11.30 p.m. (Approx:). Close Down.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cathedral Retirements

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph

Sir,—The Colony will shortly be losing two well-known figures in the Very Reverend Dean Swann and Mr. Frederick Mason. The Cathedral Council is organising presentation funds and has circularised members of the Cathedral congregation. As, however, the Dean and Mr. Mason have many friends not connected with the Cathedral, we shall be glad of the hospitality of your columns to announce that subscriptions to the presentation funds (limited to $5 in each case) will be gladly received by any of the undersigned or may be paid in direct to the Chartered Bank of India. The presentations will be made at a reception to be held in the Cathedral Hall on Monday, 8th April, at 5.30 p.m., tea being served from 4.45 p.m.

A. BREARLEY.
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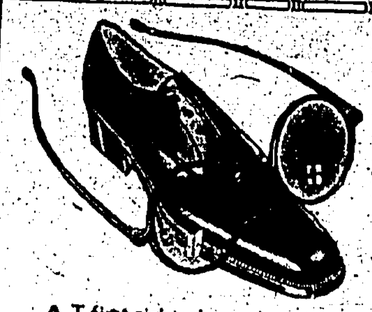
Acknowledgments

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly allow me a space in your paper to acknowledge my hearty thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen who have given their voluntary services to the dramatic entertainment given by the Chinese Company of the Hongkong Police Reserve at the King's Theatre on the night of the 28th March, which has proved to be a great success.

Our thanks are particularly due to Mr. Ma Sze-tsang, Misses. Tam Lan-hing and Wai Shiu-fong and Messrs. Fung Sing-tsang, Pun Yat-on; Fung Harp-wan and Lo Man-woon, and all the other artists who took part in the performance.

I also wish to thank all those friends and well wishers who so enthusiastically supported the entertainment which made it financially a great success.

T. C. TA'O,
Chairman of the Committee.



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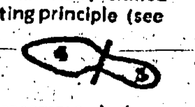

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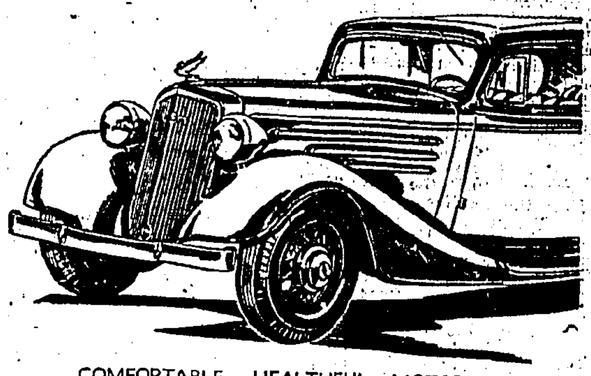

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DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

PEACE IS THE NATURAL HAPPY STATE OF MAN; WAR IS CORRUPTION AND DISGRACE.—*Thomson.*

* * *

Chan Sum, 17, charged with the theft of an unfinished cloth jacket, and Kwong Chau, 21, charged with stealing a brass kettle from No. 1 Upper Station Street, pleaded guilty before Mr. Macfadyen in the Central Magistracy this morning and were sentenced to six weeks' hard labour each. Detective-Sergeant P. Guild prosecuted and stated that the defendant, Chan Sum, was caught in the basement of the premises.

* * *

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed by Mr. Macfadyen in the Central Police Court this morning on Chan Ng, 23, unemployed, for the theft of two woollen and one cloth jacket from No. 1 Tung Shing Lane. Det-Sergt. P. Guild stated that there was a fire at the place yesterday and tenants in adjoining houses had to remove their belongings. Defendant was arrested later in Morrison Street with the stolen property. The accused admitted a previous conviction for stealing.

One case of Small-pox and two cases of Typhoid were reported to the local Health authorities on Wednesday.

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His Excellency Sir William Peel will preside at the sixth and last meeting of the English Association, which will be held in the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2. His Honour the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, will speak on "The Function of Law in Society."

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On a charge of being found on enclosed premises on the second floor of No. 7 Wellington Street at 5.10 a.m. yesterday, for an unlawful purpose, Chan Wing, 30, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Macfadyen in the Central Magistracy this morning and was fined $25, or three weeks' imprisonment. Detective-Sergeant R. J. Clarke stated that the premises were rented by the Hongkong Hotel as residence for the "boys". Yesterday morning one of the occupants discovered the defendant trying to twist the lock on a rattan basket. Defendant was a former employee at the Hotel.

"RAPHAEL" TALK

DANTE ALIGHIERI ASSOCIATION

An interesting lecture on "Raphael" the famous Italian painter and sculptor was given yesterday by Rev. Fr. T. F. Ryan, S.J., Editor of the *Rock*, under the auspices of the Dante Alighieri Association, Hongkong, before a large gathering at the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel. Among those present were:—Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Sir William and Lady Shenton, Mrs. De Precourt, Mr. Wei Tat, Dr. and Mrs. Sommers, Mr. Y. P. Law, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. de Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Y. S. Wan, Dr. Arthur Woo, Mr. H. Macnamara, Mr. and Mrs. Manual Rivera Iglesias, Mrs. E. M. Raymond, Dr. and Mrs. Pfister, Mrs. W. I. Gerrard, Mr. F. Alegre, Miss G. M. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Miss Julia Lam, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jacks, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. H. S. Mok, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Birch Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. M. J. Breen, Mr. U. Gonella, Mr. M. Cunietti, Mr. A. Piovanelli, Mr. R. Poinsot, Mr. J. S. H. Waan, Mr. E. Sopranis and many others.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Rev. Father Ryan on the motion of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

HONGKONG'S OFFICIAL RANKING LIST FOR 1934

LEE WAI TONG AS MENTOR

Gives Fincher Lesson In Tennis Courtcraft

WINS BRILLIANTLY IN CHAMPIONSHIP

(By "Veritas")

Lee Wai-tong touched peak form to dispose of Teddy Fincher in the third round of the open singles championship on the stand court yesterday. There was nothing fluky about Lee's win obtained in straight sets with the loss of four games. He not only outpointed the K. C. C. champion but gave him a lesson in tactical tennis and court-craft.

Critics do not like to admit being surprised, but I must confess I was genuinely astonished at Lee's highly polished display. He didn't play Fincher on Fincher's reputation, but on his merits, and it cannot be said that Teddy's merits were particularly prominent.

I was vividly reminded of Fincher's match last year with Tam Yoc-fong, when the Hanoi youngster walked round his experienced opponent and lured him into committing the most atrocious blunders.

Lee did the same thing yesterday. Varied pace and direction skilfully disguised had Fincher tied up in knots and forced him into last minute shots which generally found the net or cleared the baselines.

WHY FINCHER PLAYED BADLY

That Fincher was several degrees below normal form can be made as a statement of fact; but the reason for this was chiefly Lee Wai-tong, who took such a firm grip on the game from the start that he was able to dictate terms throughout. Fincher's errors and his generally undistinguished play were reactions, not so much to his own temperament, as to Lee's brilliant tactics.

It is doubtful whether Lee Wai-tong has ever before played quite so well, and his performance was all the more meritorious in that conditions were far from pleasant. The light was shocking and the court, although playing quite true, was soft and nullified driving.

One could not discern a single weakness in Lee's stroke equipment. His shots were produced without effort and his anticipation so keen that he always appeared to have plenty of time in which to make the strokes.

He supported good length cut drives on both hands with some perfectly placed drop shots both off the ground and on the volley. His volleying, in fact, was the biggest surprise. He obtained a wonderful angle on most of the shots and tucked away Fincher's drives down the lines with the greatest of ease. His strong top-spin service was a big asset for it continually forced Fincher out of the court and permitted Lee to take the net for a winning coup on the volley.

TACIT ADMISSION OF DEFEAT

On such form Lee is going to be a very worthy opponent for S. A. Rumjahn and their quarter-final match should offer some high-spot tennis.

Before the first set had finished Fincher had tacitly admitted Lee's superiority by his own casual efforts. He was quite unable to anticipate Lee's short shots, and being continually outpositioned had the effect of demoralising Fincher's strokes. For instance his service apart from the second game of the first set was unusually ineffective and off the ground he mistimed so persistently that he put a succession of balls outside of the court.

Further evidence of Fincher's loss of confidence was to be seen in his net work. He made mistakes which rarely appear in his game and when he did clear the net he could not get the ball away, but found Lee returning the shots with interest.

It was Fincher at his unhappiest.

Unexpectedly easy successes were also gained in the two other third round matches played on outside courts.

RICKETTS WINS IN CANTER

G.R.M. Ricketts had Y. W. Lee, a promising player at his mercy right through and won in a canter 6-0, 6-1. Lee tried to force the game by raiding the net, but he timed his advances very badly and Ricketts' neat passing shots beat the C.R.C. player every time.

Ricketts had so much in hand in this match that it was difficult to tell exactly how strong he is at the moment, but it certainly looks as though he is going to figure in the semi-final again this year.

Well as Leonard played against Liang yesterday, I doubt if he will be able to withstand the more consistent and faster Ricketts.

Leonard won with ridiculous ease against Liang. The Chinese did practically nothing else but net the ball, his ground strokes completely deserting him. Nevertheless it is to Leonard's credit that he played his best game of the tournament to date. He found he could beat Liang quite well from the baseline, his driving on both hands being strong and wonderfully accurate. The play never reached dazzling heights, but Leonard certainly came out with full honours and it would be foolish to deny his chances of making the semi-final.

Full scores of the three matches were:

OPEN SINGLES

Third Round

Lee Wai-tong beat E. C. Fincher 6-1, 6-3

G.R.M. Ricketts beat Y. W. Lee 6-0, 6-1

J. W. Leonard beat S. W. Liang 6-1, 6-1.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tam Yoc-fong ranked No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in the official L.T.A. ranking list issued to-day.

H. E. TO ATTEND TENNIS

EXHIBITION AT H.K.C.C.

Japanese Players Arrive

His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel) has announced his intention of being present at to-day's exhibition tennis on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club, when the two Japanese Davis Cup players, Hideo Nishimura and Jiro Yamagishi will appear.

The visitors arrived by the N.Y.K. Haruna Maru at daylight this morning. Both are feeling very fit and are eagerly anticipating to-day's game. They have expressed their willingness to play according to the schedule mapped out by the Lawn Tennis Association which is as follows:

At 4.15, Yamagishi and E. C. Fincher v. Nishimura and Tsui Wai-pui (one set), followed by Yamagishi v. Nishimura (two sets), and

Yamagishi and Nishimura v. S.A. and H.D. Rumbjahn (best of three sets).

There are still a certain number of reserved seats which can be booked before 3 o'clock to-day. The booking plan is at Messrs. Moutrie, and seats are $1 including tax.

L.T.A. ANNUAL MEETING

POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY

It is announced by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association thatowing to unforseen circumstances it is now impossible to hold the Annual Meeting of the Association on Tuesday next as arranged.

The meeting will now take place in the Sports Club, King's Building, on Thursday next, April 4, at 5.30 p.m., when the President (Mr. Justice Lindsell) will be in the chair.

Manila, Mar. 28.

Senor Regino, Secretary of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation and Senor Ylanan, Treasurer, sailed by the Cordillera for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan, to arrange various international competitions on behalf of Filipino Teams.—*United Press.*

LEADING POSITIONS CHANGE HANDS

MRS. KAYLL AND TSUI WAI PUI HEAD THE LISTS

(By "Veritas")

The official ranking lists of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association issued to-day finds two new names at the head of the men's and women's rankings.

Tsui Wai-pui by virtue of winning the singles title of the Colony last year tops the men's list and Mrs. Kayll, present ladies' champion is given No. 1 position.

Several new names appear in both lists, while quite a number of players ranked last year have moved up in the lists.

In the ladies, Miss R. Hancock, ranked fifth a year ago now earns second place, while Miss Madge Griffiths, 1934 runner-up in the singles championship advances from No. 7 to joint No. 3 with Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu. Mrs. Litton, Mrs. Tottenham, Mrs. Lewis Bryan and Miss Olive Dalziel do not appear in the current list, but Miss Alison Mackenzie, the K.C.C. player is given No. 6 position. Both Mrs. Litton and Mrs. Wilson appear under the heading of "Insufficient Data".

Mrs. Kayll

Tsui Wai-pui and Tam Yoc-fong, having last year contested the final of the open singles naturally occupy the first and second position respectively. Tam deserves his promotion from No. 10 to No. 2 by reason of his performances in the open championships when he beat in turn E. C. Fincher, Lai Kwong-tsun and Ho Ka-lau.

Ho Ka-lau, another local ranking player who figures prominently in the current list.

Lai Kwong-tsun the Canton champion finds a place at No. 5 with Ho Ka-lau on the strength of his defeat of S. A. Rumjahn in the open championship, while G.R.M. Ricketts also figures in the current list at No. 8.

W.A.H. Duff unfortunately had to leave the Colony before the conclusion of the championship and his name appears under "Insufficient Data".

This year's official ranking lists are appended, the figures in brackets indicating their rankings last year.

MEN

1. Tsui Wai-pui (2)
2. Tam Yoc-fong (10)
3. S. A. Rumjahn (1)
   H. D. Rumjahn (3)
5. Ho Ka-lau (3)
   Lai Kwong-tsun (—)
7. E. C. Fincher (4)
8. G.R.M. Ricketts (—)
9. M. W. Lo (6).
10. L. Goldman (11)
11. W. C. Hung (9)
12. J. W. Leonard (—)
13. Y. Hachiuma (13)
14. Tsui Yun-pui (—)
    A.E.P. Guest (13)

INSUFFICIENT DATA
W.H.A. DUFF

LADIES

1. Mrs. Kayll (—)
2. Miss R. Hancock (5)
3. Miss M. Griffiths (7)
   Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu (4)
5. Mrs. Grimble (4)
6. Miss A. Mackenzie (—)

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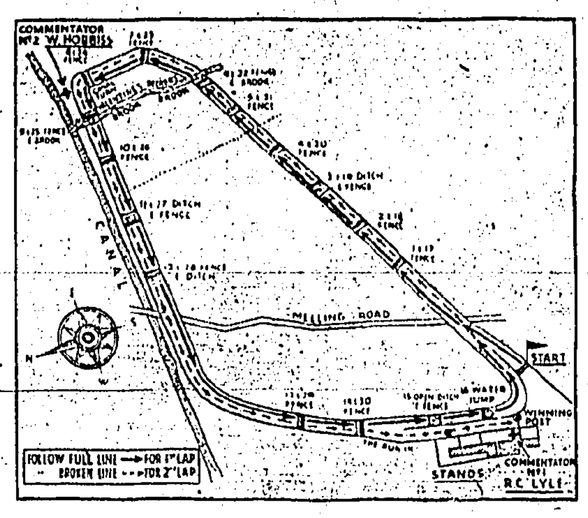
Mrs. Litton
Mrs. Wilson

PLAN OF GRAND NATIONAL COURSE



This is a plan of the course at Aintree near Liverpool, where the Grand National will be run to-day.

Twelfth-Hour National Probable

POWELL TO RIDE SOUTHERN HUE

London, March 28.

A twelfth-hour alteration in the probable starters and jockeys for the Grand National was announced to-day. Powell is expected to ride Southern Hue. —*Reuter.*

FINAL ACCEPTORS

London, March 28.

Final acceptors, and jockeys, for the Grand National to-morrow, were announced to-day as follows:

Golden Miller (Wilson)
Thomond II (Speck)
Royal Ransom (Hamey)
Reynoldstown (Mr. Furlong)
Southern Hero (Fawcus)
Brienz (Kidney)
Really True (Morgan)
Bachelor Prince (O'Grady)
Castle Irwell (Mr. Bostwick)
Allybrack (Mr. Tweedie)
Alexena (Capt. Payne-Gallwey)
Blue Prince (Parvin)
Brave Cry (Mr. Lewis)
Emancipator (Mr. Cazalet)
Fouquet (Brown)
Hulchollon (Mr. Marsh).
Jimmy James (Nicholson)
Lazy Boots (Owen).
Master Orange (Mr. Mildmay)
Princess Mir (Mr. Jackson)
Red Park (Fitzgerald)
Slater (Maxwell)
Southern Hue (McKeever)
Tapinois (Gurney)
Trocadero (Cullinan)
Theresa (Carey)
Uncle Batt (Isaac).

—*Reuter.*

TWO, AND YOU'VE CROSSED THE LINE

—REFEREE

"Aye, & He's Double-Crossed Me!"

—REECE

London, Feb. 26.

Tom Newman and Tom Reece began their heat in the sealed handicap tournament at Thurston's yesterday, and a very entertaining match it should be.

Reece has the idea that he is in the running for the Gold, Cup, and he may not be far wrong, for it is certain that he has been given a lavish start.

As the two players were about to string for break Reece remarked to Newman: "I suppose you are a hot favourite—but, after all, Colombo lost the Derby." To which Newman retorted: "Yes, but my name is not Colombo. They won't say 'the favourite is beaten' this week."

Owing to the illness of Charles Chambers the duties of controlling the match have been taken over by Arthur Goundrill, the one-armed referee.

Arthur has a habit of saying, when a player conforms to the baulk-line rule— crossing the baulk-line once in every 200 points—"You have crossed the line, sir." Tom Reece kept on crossing the line every few minutes, and at last he said: "If I keep on crossing the line like this I'll soon be in Australia."

A little later Reece set up a clever safety move, but Newman broke through with a brilliant shot. "Two!" called Goundrill, "and you have crossed the line, sir."

"Aye, and he's double-crossed me," said Reece.

Newman was so tickled that he could not concentrate and broke down at once.

NO RACING AT KWANTI NEXT SUNDAY

Supporters of Kwanti will no doubt be sorry to hear that, owing to a case of Rabies having been discovered among the Army Mules, the meeting fixed for next Sunday has been abandoned.

I understand, however, that the race for the St. John's Ambulance Cup will most probably take place on Saturday, 13th April next, when the race for the Dowbiggin Trophy will also be run.

Tennis Exhibition Dispute

GORDON LUM CENSURED

Objections were raised by the China National Amateur Athletic Federation to the participation by Guy Cheng and Kho Sin-kie, China's representatives for the Davis Cup competition, in the exhibition matches against the Japanese delegates, Nishimura and Yamagishi, at the Cathay Tennis Club last Monday.

Interviewed at the Federation office by a representative of *The Shanghai Sunday Times*, Mr. William Z. L. Sung, general honorary secretary, said.

"The Federation greatly objects to Cheng and Kho playing against the Japanese Davis Cup representatives in exhibition matches. I have not been notified as to the arrangement. This afternoon before I came here, I received a telephone call from Guy Cheng that Mr. Gordon Lum had fixed a match for him (Cheng) on Monday."

"Kho is on his way to Shanghai," continued the C.N.A.A.F. spokesman, "and apparently Mr. Lum has not obtained the consent of him (Kho). It is all irregular."

When seen by *The Shanghai Times* Gordon Lum stated that he had not informed the Federation about the matches owing to pressure of time, but he would do so at the earliest possible moment. With regard to Kho's participation he only presumed that Kho would be glad to get some practice from the Nipponese racket-wielders.

HOME FOOTBALL

BOTTOM OF LEAGUE

WOODEN-SPOON FOR SPURS?

AMAZING DEFEAT BY LEICESTER

London, Mar. 28.

Tottenham Hotspur suffered an extraordinary thrashing in a first division league match when they visited Leicester who were languishing at the bottom of the table and were beaten by six goals to nil.

As a result the Spurs take over the wooden-spoon position, Leicester climbing one position on the strength of a better goal-average. At the same time Leicester can draw further away as they have a game in hand of the Spurs.

This was Tottenham's 18th of the season and so far they have scored but 25 points from 35 matches and have conceded 78 goals.

The London team have only seven more games in which to pull themselves from the relegation zone.

The present records of the last half a dozen teams in the first division read:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Portsmouth ..	34	11	8	15	57	60	30
Wolves	34	11	7	16	69	75	29
Middlesbro' ..	34	8	12	14	59	70	28
Birmingham .	33	11	6	16	46	65	28
Leicester	34	10	5	19	48	72	25
Tottenham ..	35	8	9	18	43	78	25

SIR S. JACKSON TO RETIRE

P. F. Warner Chief Of Selectors?

It is understood that there will be a change in the chairmanship of the Cricket Selection Committee this year. Last year Sir Stanley Jackson was chairman, but it is unlikely that he will continue during the coming season. Several names have been mentioned, but it is thought that when the Board of Control meet this month to choose the 1935 committee Mr. P. F. Warner will be elected.

LINCOLNS TO PLAY SOUTH CHINA

RE-ARRANGED FIXTURE FOR SUNDAY

Mr. Manning Railton, hon. secretary Hongkong Football Association this morning announces that an additional first division match will be played on Sunday, the Lincolns v. South China "A" game, originally arranged for April 21 having been brought back.

The game will be played at Saokunpoo, kick-off at 4.30.

There is also an alternation in the venue for one of the third division matches on Sunday. The R.E. v R.A.F. encounter will now be played at Chatham Road.

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Champions v. The Rest Comment; The Resuscitation Of C.S.S.C.

(By R. Abbit)

There was, alas, no cricket on Saturday last, but the one bright spot about it is that it has given me a bit of space to hark back to the week before to several points which I had wished to mention but which were crowded out by lack of space.

In the first place, I think that the side selected to play for the Rest against the H.K.C.C. was a very sound one, always remembering that there were a couple of League matches on.

I have an idea that Richardson was asked but could not get off as he was skippering the C.S.C.C. In any case, on his form this year I doubt if he was worth his place. He has been thoroughly out of luck, and also off form.

We have not yet seen the best of him as a bat, but when the time comes, (if it ever does), that the C.S.C.C. have a batting side and Richardson does not feel that the whole thing rests on his shoulders I fancy he will rise to much greater heights of success.

Of course, Garthwaite would have been in the Rest side but for his League game. Presumably Bonavia and Ballard were also non-releasable men as either of them had a better claim than Walsh, dangerous bat though the latter is at times.

I confess I should have liked to see Tinker Lee in the side,—he may have been asked for all I know,— but I don't see how he could have got in unless Madar, who was away most of the season, had stood down for him.

SIGNS OF HOPE

It was interesting to turn out once again for the Civil Service, for whom I played my first match in the first eleven in 1915. Until this season I had played pretty regularly and twenty years is a long time. I mention this in passing, not as a record in any way, for T. E. Pearce and G.R. Sayer, who started before I did, are still going strong and many other local cricketers have played over much longer periods. But nineteen seasons is quite a long time, especially if you played Rugger before you started cricket, and it is lack of new blood from which the Civil Service has suffered.

Until only a season or two ago E. B. Reed, F. J. de Rome, B.D. Evans and A. E. Wood had been turning out year after year, and, in spite of the meaning of the word, a "hardy perennial" cannot bloom on season after season for ever. And, unfortunately, there has been a sad lack of *good* youngsters to follow on.

NEW "PROMISES"

But there are now distinct hopes for the future. R.M. Wood has come on very much as a wicket-keeper and has started to make runs quickly, when he gets going. McLellan will be a great addition to the bowling strength, while he and R. H. Griffiths will do much to stiffen the batting.

The fielding has much improved and I am quite hopeful about the next season. But it would not come amiss if several members of the side *read* a bit of cricket. I personally don't know any better chapter on the Art of Fielding than that in Ranji's "Jubilee Book of Cricket."

SUNDAY'S LEAGUE GAME

The I. R. C. came back to their pristine form when they defeated the R.A.M.C. on Sunday last in a Junior Division League Match. Y. el Arculli and A. M. Rumjahn put on well over a hundred runs for the fourth wicket and were still undefeated. The declaration at 167 was a sound one and reaped the reward it deserved. The Medicals were out for a hundred and thirty, though Howells (57), Bonavia (28) and Saunders (25) made gallant efforts to save the game. Two run-out tragedies occurred, and probably had a decisive effect on the result of the game.

SIR JULIEN CAHN

The recent visit of Sir Julien Cahn to the Colony was very interesting. A very wealthy man, Sir Julien runs his own cricket team which could give a very good game to most of the first class counties, other than those in the first flight. Robins, Peebles, and many other well known Varsity and first-rank Club cricketers get a chance to play.

The talk of his coming here is most interesting but one cannot possibly consider the question seriously until one knows upon what financial basis the matter rests. Judging from a letter which I have seen in a morning contemporary, I cannot help thinking that the public have a totally erroneous idea of the expense involved in the visit even of a team who pay their own passages, and are merely entertained in the Colony.

I think I am right in saying that, in spite of the fact that practically all the visitors are put up by private individuals here, the expenses of a *triangular* Interport series of games amounts to between two and three thousand.

Moreover owing to various circumstances, there is no possibility of covering a large amount of expenditure by the profits of gate-money. It is possible to charge for admission *to the stands only* on the H.K.C.C. ground, and I am pretty sure that there is a negligible balance left when the cost of erection has been paid for.

In these hard times the question of finance must be considered most carefully, and in many cases those who have given most generously in the past, have been most heavily hit by the depression. It must be remembered too that in all probability there will be an Interport here in November next for which we shall have to make provision. But everyone hopes that some sort of an arrangement may be reached.

THE NOTTS CLUB

Talking of Sir Julien naturally reminds one of the rumpus in the Nottingham Cricket Club. I do not propose to enter into the question of whether Voce was or was not justified in bowling as he did.

But I read all accounts very carefully and what really seems to have got the people's goat was the attempt of the committee to decieve everyone. Had they had the—interior—to say that they thought Voce was bowling at the man and stood him down accordingly, their action, though unpopular would have merited the respect due to decision and honesty.

But to try and fob people off with the yarn that Voce was crocked, and to fail to get away with it—for Voce promptly denied it—was just asking for trouble. And they got it. It precipitated a first class row, and the Committee were, more or less sacked.

However, it seems that a lot of the influential people in the County have identified themselves with the old Committee—chiefly I think because they approved of their attitude towards Voce, yet not of their methods of showing it! Anyway, it seems the opposition have receded from their attitude for the sake of peace, and that a compromise will be reached. In the mean time, I have not seen any cables of protest about Wyatt's broken jaw. He, at least, is not a feather-bed cricketer.

THE WEST INDIES TOUR

And that again reminds me, several people have commented to me on the fact that our team has lost the rubber in the West Indies. It is in no way a soul-shattering occurrence. The team was known to be fairly weak, and one of the great objects was to give some of the younger players experience of big-match cricket. The West Indies have some amazing cricketers. I fancy that Headley, Constantine and Martindale have such ability that would qualify them for a place in either an English or an Australian representative Test team, were it merely a question of skill.

At the same time, I do think that English cricket is not very good at present. I don't mean that there is anything to howl about. If one looks back for a great number of years it is clear that the standard of cricket in all countries over those years is represented by a series of upward and downward curves, and not by a horizontal line. So in the lower curve there is no reason to be depressed, any more than there is to be cheesty when on the crest of the curve.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

The game is still wagging here. Craigengower are at home to the I.R.C in their belated Senior League match. I fancy Pereira, Minu and Madar will be a bit too good for the Valley side but I would not invest more than ten cents on it.

The other game if there are fully representative sides out — should be most interesting, as Kowloon are at home to H.K.C.C., in a two-day game. In the circumstances it is lucky the Kwanti meeting is off, and I suggest a vote of thanks to whatever gallant member of the garrison bit that mule.

In the Junior Division Police play R.A.M.C. in the League. I'm not sure if the C.C.C. and I.R.C. reverse game is on or not. Recreio should play the Sappers, but I hear this latter side has withdrawn from the League. C.S.C.C. are at home to Queen's College. I also assume the H.K.C.C. II game vs. R.E. on 31st is off.

In my notes next Friday I hope to outline arrangements for publishing Club records. I have written to the various Secretaries and have to thank the Army for a most prompt reply.

FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Old Course

9.36 C. H. Bradley*, D. J. Keogh*
9.40 L. Goldman, G. Stewart.
9.44 G. D. Nicholl, R. L. S. Webb.
9.48 S. H. Dodwell, A. Sommerfelt.
9.52 Capt. Shannon, A. E. Lissaman.
9.56 D. S. Edward, G. B. S. Thomson.
10.00 H. C. Hopkins, F. M. Ellis.
10.04 T. C. Monaghan, A. B. Purves.
10.08 H. Hampton, W. Paterson.
10.12 J. L. Adams, P. S. Grant.
10.16 H. F. Phillips, A. T. Lay.
10.20 G. C. Worrall, E. Bathurst.
10.24 H. P. Bailey, R. C. Webb.
10.28 K. S. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
10.32 G. W. Stabb, J. T. Edkins.
10.36 A. W. Muir, J. Angwin.
10.40 Comdr. Hole, E. M. Bryden.
10.44 R. A. Rodgers, H. F. Sommers.
10.48 G. S. Archbutt, C. Mycock.
10.52 D. W. MacEwen, C. Black.
10.56 T. J. Price, J. Forbes.
11.00 S. A. Sleep, W. M. Barton.
11.04 J. Hunter, E. MacMahon.
11.08 T. R. Chassels, R. L. Moncrieff.

New Course

9.40 W. Mulcahy,* Miss Marsh*.
9.44 Mrs. Thomson, Miss Curtin.

*Caddies from Superintendent.

BI-ANNUAL RACE NEXT MONTH

The Trevessa Trophy

The R. H. K. Yacht Club have announced that the 23rd. bi-annual race for ships' lifeboats is to be held on Friday, April 12 at 4 p.m. The race is for the Trevessa Trophy.

Any ship which has an agency in Hongkong is eligible to enter one or more boats in the race, provided of course that the ship is in port on that day.

It is requested that all entries be delivered to the Honorary Secretary of the Club by noon on the day of the race and that all boats be at the starting point at Channel Rocks by 3.30 p.m. that day.

Copies of the rules and regulations and a plan of the course will be sent to any company on request.

Myrna Loy, Walter Connolly and Helen Vinson in Columbia's outstanding success "Broadway Bill" showing from Saturday at the Queen's Theatre.

LAST WEEK'S RACES REVIEWED

SEVERAL UPSETS BUT SOME VERY ENTERTAINING SPORT

(By "Captain Foster")

In spite of the inclement weather, the races at Happy Valley last Saturday afternoon were well patronized, and the prizes in the Cash Sweep well maintained.

Naturally with the course in a heavy state, upsets were many, but, contrary to expectations, no sensational dividend in the "Pari" was paid out, the highest being $60.50 on the ever-green Boxing Eve in the Taiwan Bay Handicap.

The first upset of the afternoon occurred in the opening race, the Commonwealth Handicap, in which Monoplane (Mr. Y. T. Fung) won easily from Jungle Jim (Mr. Liang) and The Tiger (Mr. Frost).

In spite of repeated failures Double Chance (Mr. P. P. Botelho) was made favourite for the Union Plate and confidence in him was not misplaced. He won comfortably by two lengths from The Deemster (Mr. Butler) with High Principle (Mr. Roza) a length further away.

Another favourite, King's Jubilee (Mr. Frost) won the Hongkam Bay Handicap by beating Ribble (Mr. Pih) after a very good race by a length and a half. Rose-Queen (Mr. P. P. Botelho) finished third.

SECOND UPSET

The second upset took place in the Rosehill Handicap, Snowy River (Mr. Pih) literally ran away with the race and finished most impressively. Woodland Stag (Mr. Frost) was four lengths in the rear to occupy second place, with Mutiny Bay (Mr. Davis) half a length further away. Alacrity was a non-starter.

Propitious Time (Mr. Neugebauer) cleverly won the Dominion Handicap from Invermark (Mr. Pih) and The Chetah (Mr. Frost). This was the second best race seen during the afternoon and the issue was in doubt until about ten yards from the winning post. Sci-Fa ran most prominently and, in my opinion, would have won had he kept a straight course, instead of boring out and finishing under the judge's box.

The Colonial Stakes also produced a thrilling finish, Flirt (Mr. Frost) getting the verdict by a short head from Ythan (Mr. Pih). Soldier of Victory (Mr. Dietz) finished third.

Another fine effort on the part of Mr. Frost on Pontiac Bay saw him win the Empire Handicap by a short head from High Honour (Mr. Roza). Gold Coin (Mr. Deitz) secured the third place, two lengths away.

PICK OF THE DAY

Undoubtedly the best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Mirs Bay Stakes. The field consisted of six ponies and we saw an exciting race over the last two furlongs. Hetman (Mr. Butler) appeared to be a spent force at the mile post and King's Fancy (Mr. Frost) seemed to have the race won when, about fifty yards from the winning post, Soldier of China (Mr. Deitz) ranged alongside her. These two then fought, under great pressure, for the lead. Bright View (Mr. Davis)—travelling very fast—then loomed in the picture with barely twenty yards to go. These three ponies swept past the post almost in a line and no one but the Judge could say which pony had won. The official verdict was

Bright View
King's Fancy
Soldier of China
short head;
short head.

The meeting concluded with the Taiwan Bay Handicap, and this race also produced a close finish. Boxing Eve (Mr. K. W. Fung) just beat Great Hall (Mr. Cheape) by a short head for the first place with partnership (Mr. W. H. Choy) three lengths further away.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From the "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong *Telegraph* for the week ended March 28, 1914.

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St. John's Cathedral seatholders approved a scheme for raising a fund by monthly subscriptions to provide a stipend for an Assistant Chaplain.

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The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral of Mr. J. Kerfoot, manager of Jardine's Shanghai cotton mills, and Miss Elizabeth Gaskell.

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At the annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Mr. Mr. R. Hall was appointed President; Mr. D. Cooper, Vice-President; Mr. W. J. Crawford, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. B. G. Taylor, Hon. Secretary.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB.

Owing to a case of Rabies being discovered amongst the Army Mules, the meeting which was to have been held at Kwanti on Sunday, 31st instant, has been postponed to a date which will be announced later, when the St. John's Ambulance Cup will be run for.

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The ball continued to roll toward the goal and, five yards over the line, Johnson, Wake Forest end, fell on it for a touchdown.

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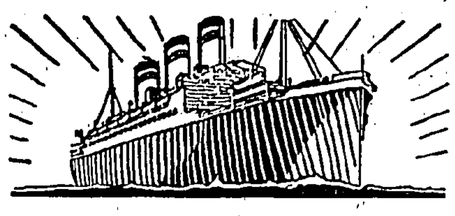

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SERIAL STORY—

SILKEN SPINDLES

by Laura Lou Brookman

CHAPTER XXVIII

The crowd shuffled out of the movie theatre, stopping to look at posters announcing next week's show; girls peering to catch a glimpse of themselves in the narrow mirror panels at either side of the entrance, to powder noses and dab on rouge, chattering and laughing; young men who spoke in deeper tones, pausing to light cigarettes and jam hats on firmly. There were older people and some children—a nondescript crowd, the usual patrons of the Strand where pictures were exhibited which, six or eight weeks earlier, had been shown in the larger theatres in the more brightly lighted section of the town.

Steve Meyers looked down on Gale as they stepped out on the sidewalk. "Wasn't such a bad picture, was it?" he asked.

"Oh, I liked it. That girl who was 'Kathy' is a new star, isn't she? I've never seen her before. And didn't she look beautiful—"

The words broke off. A couple—a small girl in a bright red hat and rather dowdy fur coat and a tall youth—had just halted before the glass cage where tickets were sold. Gale heard the girl laugh and turning recognized Ruby Griffith before she saw it was Phil beside her. A moment later the two disappeared inside the theatre.

Steve asked, "What was that you were saying?"

"About the picture? Oh, I don't know—it doesn't matter anyhow. That was Phil with Ruby Griffith. Did you see them?"

"Yes."

They walked in silence for a few moments. Then Steve said, "I wish you wouldn't worry the way you do about Phil."

"How can I help it? You see the sort of company he seems to prefer—Ruby Griffith and her crowd. You know what they're like. And he comes home at all hours of the night and morning. It's only within the last six months or so that he's been like this."

"Worrying isn't going to do any good."

"No, I don't suppose it will. But what can I do, Steve?"

* * *

"Leave him alone. Phil's smart enough to take care of himself. The trouble is you're used to looking out for him. You still think of him as a little boy."

"But he's only 19—"

"That's not so young. It would be a lot better for Phil if you'd give him a chance to stand on his own feet. You do too much for him."

"Maybe you're right."

"Of course I am! You want to do too much for everyone, Gale. You're always forgetting about yourself, trying to do something for someone else."

"But I'm not! I don't do half the things I should."

"I wish you'd let me do them for you."

"Steve—"

"Oh, I'm not going to say any more. I promised I wouldn't and I'll keep that promise. You said you couldn't marry anyone now. But there's one thing I want to ask you. When you were away at school—well, you must have known lots of other fellows. Is there anyone else, Gale?"

"You mean—?"

"Is there anyone else you're in love with?"

Gale was glad she did not have to meet his eyes. She knew exactly how those blue eyes looked. She turned away, surprised that her heart was beating so rapidly. She wished it wouldn't. Steve was waiting for her to answer and there was only one answer to give. You certainly couldn't count a man you'd met only three or four times and then purely by accident, even though he had said, "I like you, Gale Henderson. I like you a lot." You couldn't count a man you were never going to see again—

Gale said, "There's no one else, Steve. No one."

He put a hand on her arm, drew her close. His voice had an edge of huskiness. "Then I can go on hoping," he said. "Oh, Gale, if you only know how I feel about you—!"

"You promised," she reminded him.

"Yes, I know. I promised."

He began talking about something that had happened at the mill. Five minutes later they had reached Gale's home.

"You'll come in, won't you?" she asked.

"Not to-night. Going to be home to-morrow evening?"

"I think so."

"Then I'll drop around."

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They said good night and Gale went inside the house. Her father was in the kitchen, fumbling about an open cupboard.

"Hello," he said. "Thought I'd like a little something hot to drink. Is there some tea here somewhere?"

"In that square box," Gale told him. "But sit down—I'll make it for you."

She filled the kettle and put it over the fire to boil, got out cups and saucers and a loaf of bread.

"Where's Steve?" her father asked.

"He went on."

Her father watched as Gale cut the bread and placed it on a plate, set out butter and a bottle of milk. "You and Steve haven't been having any arguments, have you?" he asked.

"No."

Tom Henderson studied his daughter's face. She was certainly thinner than she had been. He did not say anything more until the tea was made and Gale had poured out two cups and sat down before one of them. Then he said, "I've been thinking about you this evening, Gale. I wish you didn't have to work the way you do."

"Nonsense!"

"It isn't nonsense. It's too much for you, doing all you do at home and working at the mill besides."

"Father, what in the world put such ideas in your head?"

"My own eyes have done it—seeing you look so tired when night comes and growing thinner. I can't help worrying about you, Gale. You ought to be married and settled in your own home. When your mother was your age—"

"But things are different now!"

"I know. But that doesn't make them any better. I've lived my life and some of these days I'm going to be gone."

"Father, please—!"

* * *

"It's better to face things calmly, Gale—better to talk about them. I'm not afraid of dying. A man couldn't be who lives as I do, a burden to the ones he loves. No, I'm not afraid to die, but I wish I could know you were going to be happy and safe. I don't worry about Phil; he's a boy and he can take care of himself. You think you can, too, but there's more to life than you realize. I don't like to leave you with no one to look out for you."

Gale had risen from her chair and slipped an arm around his shoulders. "Don't, father!" she begged. "I can't bear to hear you say such things! You aren't going to leave us—not for a long, long time."

He smiled. "Perhaps not. Still, I'd feel more comfortable to know things were going to be all right for you. I'd rather hoped that you and Steve—" He raised his eyes, letting them finish the question.

"Steve's been an awfully good friend," Gale said. "I'm fond of him. But I don't want to marry anyone, father. Not now. Not for years."

"Well, if it isn't to be Steve I hope it will be someone as worthy. Steve's made of the right stuff. He's a fine young man, Gale."

"I know that. Steve's all you say he is—and more." She did not go on, but stared silently at the floor.

Her father covered her hand with his, pressed it. "Well, we won't talk about it any more to-night," he said. "It's late anyhow. Time to be in bed."

Gale rinsed the cups and wiped them, set the bread and butter away. "He thinks I should marry Steve," she told herself. "He wants me to marry him."

She was sober-faced as she put out the kitchen light and went to her bedroom, sober-faced as she stood before her mirror, brushing her hair. This mood continued throughout the following morning. It was Sunday and the Hendersons ate dinner at 1 o'clock. By 20 minutes past two when Gale had finished putting the last dish back into the cupboard, had wiped her hands and hung away her apron there was a knock on the front door.

Gale hurried to open it. A young man wearing a brown windbreaker jacket and corduroy trousers stood before her. His cap was pulled down over his eyes.

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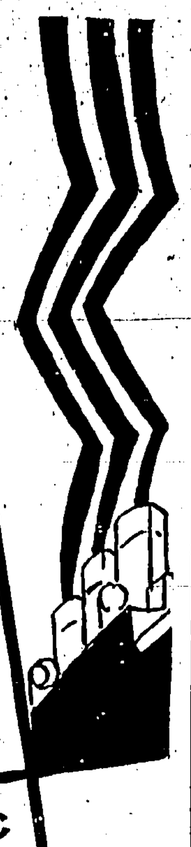

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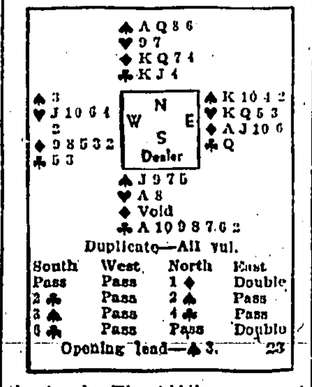
By W. E. McKenney

A great many persons have asked me if contract whist will ever become popular. I am not certain, but I do not think that it will attract the attention of many players.

Whist was a scientific game, but was never very popular. Players did not particularly like the turning of the trump. The next development was bridge whist, in which the dealer would name trump or, if he didn't care to name the trump, he could bridge it to his partner.

Then they started to bid for the right to name the trump. This was called auction bridge, but still it was just a game of the play of



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Opening lead—♠ 3. 23

the hand. The bidding was not very important.

But at contract we have two games, a bidding game and a playing game. It is certainly scientific enough.

I am afraid contract whist is too scientific a game. In other words, elimination of the dummy removes the possibility of fine strategic plays, and takes a lot of the excitement out of the game. I know that the better players who have tried the game have not been particularly fascinated by it.

Take to-day's hand. Hands of this kind would be eliminated in contract whist. Here's a hand in which the declarer can make some very fine deductions, which permit him to make his contract.

West's opening lead of the three of spades is obviously a singleton. If this is true, then East holds the ten of spades, which the declarer will be able to finesse for, after a while.

So he must go right up with the ace in dummy and then cash the king of clubs, being careful to drop the six spot from his hand, to conserve an entry into dummy. The king of diamonds is the next play. East has tipped his hand off by the double, so he may as well go up with the ace, which the declarer trumps with the seven of clubs.

The eight of clubs is played next and wins with the jack in dummy. On the queen of diamonds, the declarer discards the eight of hearts.

A small heart is led and won with the ace and then a small spade played. The queen is played from the dummy, East wins with the king, and returns the king of hearts, only to have South trump with the nine of clubs.

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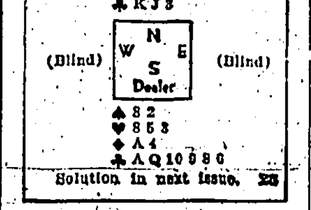

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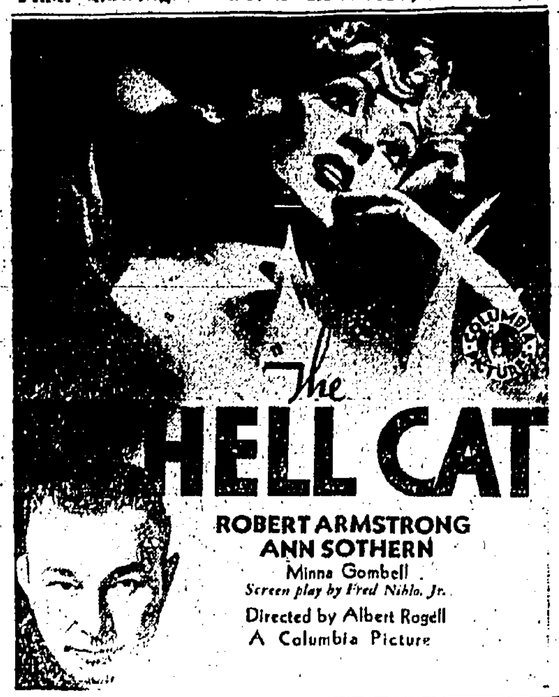

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Members of the European nobility on board include the following:—Duke Ludwig, of Bavaria, accompanied by the Duchess; Prince Adolf von Schaumburg-Lippe, of Bueckeburg, and the Princess; Baron Eitel Friedrich Schilling von Cannstatt, of Berlin; Baron Oscar von der Lancken-Wagnitz, of Berlin; Prince Rudolf Hohenlohe-Langenburg, and the Princess Anna; Baron Joachim von Finck, of Noethnitz, near Dresden; Baron Friedrich von Diergardt, of Leverkusen; and Count von Pfeil, of Adelsdorf, and the Countess.

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Simon Reports On Parley

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

AUDIENCE WITH KING

London, March 28.

Responding in the House of Commons to a request from the leader of the Opposition, Mr. George Lansbury, for a statement on his Berlin visit, Sir John Simon, said:

"The House is aware that the visit to Berlin is one of a series of visits of exploration and enquiry now being paid on behalf of His Majesty's Government to various foreign capitals and that when these visits are concluded they will be followed by a meeting at Stresa, North Italy, where I hope to meet Signor Mussolini and Monsieur Laval.

"In these circumstances it will be obviously undesirable to make a full statement as to the position still under investigation. Unauthorised speculations, such as have appeared in some quarters, should be disregarded. I may say, however, that in the course of the two days' conversation with Herr Hitler the European problem in relation to Germany was reviewed and all topics mentioned in the London communique of February 3 were brought under discussion.

OPINIONS DIFFER

"Considerable divergence of opinion between the two Governments was revealed by the conversations, but the result of the meeting was undoubtedly valuable, in that both sides were able clearly to understand their respective points of view—a process indispensable to any further progress."

Asked if any of the conversations that had taken place, or would take place within the next ten or eleven days, would alter the position of the Stresa Conference, or had a conference been definitely arranged between the three former allied powers, Sir John Simon replied that the Stresa meeting was for the three powers mentioned and he did not think it was possible for him, or anybody, to speculate as to what would be the possible events after that.

Sir John Simon was received in an audience by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day. He spent three quarters of an hour in the private apartments of His Majesty talking with His Majesty. It is understood he discussed with the King the conversations he had in Berlin.—*British Wireless.*

HOME-COMING OF PRINCE

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER HEARTILY CHEERED

London, Mar. 28.

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester received a hearty welcome home to-day on returning from his long Empire tour.

H.M.A.S. Australia was escorted to Portsmouth by destroyers and flying boats, and all ships in harbour were dressed overall, while the Royal Salute was fired as the Australia proceeded through Spithead.

The Duke's two brothers, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, went aboard and were the first of many to greet him.

After a civic ceremony, the three brothers left in a Royal train and when it arrived at Victoria the King and Queen and many other members of the Royal Family, the Australia Premier, Mr. Lyons, and many Ministers were awaiting the Duke.

After greetings had been exchanged, Their Majesties returned by direct route to Buckingham Palace, while the Duke, accompanied by a captain's escort of the Life Guards, drove to the Palace by way of Victoria Street and the Horse Guards Parade at the Mall, in order that the waiting crowds could give him a welcome. He was cordially cheered all the way.—*British Wireless.*

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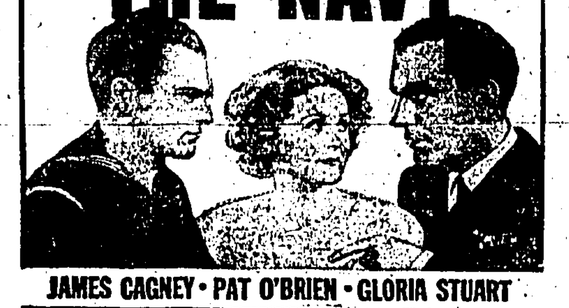

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